



Erskine Fire Update July 3, 2016 8:00 AM
Fire Information: 760-376-3781 8:00 AM-4:30 PM
<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4806/#>

Fire Start: June 23, 2016
Size: 48,019 acres
Percent Contained: 95%
Total Personnel: 518
Unified Command: USFS, BLM, Kern County Fire Department, Kern County Sheriff

Location: Lake Isabella
Cause: Under investigation
Costs to Date: \$22.5 million

Today's Fire Summary: The local type 3 incident command team assumed command of the fire at 0600 today.

Fire crews have completed the bulk of the fireline construction and suppression rehabilitation. Therefore the type 3 team will patrol the perimeter of the fire and conduct mop-up operations as needed. Smoldering stumps and heavy fuels well within the fire's perimeter might generate smoke that could be visible for the next several days. Fire behavior has remained minimal, however the potential fire danger is very high.

Shelters: The Red Cross St. Jude shelter located at 86 Nellie Dent Dr., in Wofford Heights closed at noon yesterday. The shelter at Kernville Elementary will remain open to serve the needs of fire evacuees. The Red Cross Safe and Well website is <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>.

Pacific Crest Trail Temporary Closure: The temporary closure of the PCT between Jawbone Canyon Road and Walker Pass Campground at Hwy 178 has been lifted.

Road Status: All roads are open with the exception of Piute Mtn Road located within the Forest closure boundary. For more information about the closure visit, http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd507582.pdf

Local Assistance Center (LAC): The center is open at Wallace Middle School, 3240 Erskine Creek Rd. from 9:00AM-6:00PM M-F and 9:00AM-4:00PM Sat-Sun. The LAC will be closed on Monday July 4th. The center will provide information services on disaster relief, how to replace records lost in the fire, and apply for assistance.

The local call center at our EOC will be open from 10AM-2PM until further notice. The number to call is [661-873-2660](tel:661-873-2660). Calls made outside of hours of operation will be answered by 211 Information and Referral Services

The Sikh Friends of Bakersfield is serving lunch at Kern Valley High School from 11 am to 5 pm through Sunday.

U.S. Forest Service Campgrounds Open: Sequoia National Forest campgrounds—Old Isabella, Auxiliary, Paradise Cove and South Fork—along California 178 are open. Auxiliary is the only one with water.

Fire Restrictions: A reminder that the June 10, 2016 order issued by the Sequoia National forest to restrict fire use is still in effect. It includes campfires or charcoal fires, being allowed only in designated campgrounds; smoking confined to enclosed vehicles or buildings, developed recreation sites and other designated sites; and a ban on fireworks, exploding targets, tracer rounds and other incendiary ammunition or devices in the Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument at any time. This includes sparklers and so-called safe and sane fireworks. For a full list of fire restrictions and other alerts, visit www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sequoia/alerts-notice for a list of areas.

