



Clover Fire - Wildland Fire Use

June 11th Fire Update

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Fire Information: www.inciweb.org or 760-376-3781 Ext. 699

Sequoia National Forest: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia/news/>

Clover Fire Information

Location: Sequoia National Forest in the South Sierra Wilderness, north of Kennedy Meadows, California.

Acreage: 1,164 acres

Status: The fire started from lightning on May 31st after a thunder storm passed through the area on May 22nd. The fire was initially thought to be human-caused due to its close proximity to the Pacific Crest Trail and management tactics started with full suppression. Numerous firefighters were brought in to create a fire-line and protect the community of Kennedy Meadows.

After further investigation the fire cause was determined natural and management transitioned to wildland fire use for resource benefit. The fire is moving north away from Kennedy Meadows and private lands are currently not a risk.

The California Fire Use Management Team assumed command on June 11th will continue managing the fire within a network of old burned areas across the Kern Plateau.

At this elevation much of the shrub vegetation is still greening-up and many moist green meadows provide natural fire breaks. Under high wind events such as last Saturday the fire can burn more aggressively in areas previously unburned and with heavy pine-needle litter and downed woody materials. As of June 10th the fire was reported at 1,164 acres in size.

WARNING!

The Pacific Crest Trail crosses through portions of the fire area north of Kennedy Meadows. Warning signs are posted and hikers should avoid traveling at night. During daylight hours, fire staff will assist hikers through the fire area, as needed.

Tuesday's Activities

Moderate fire behavior was observed within the fire-line. Some individual and group tree torching could be seen while much of the fire movement was through pine-needle litter.

The Calaveras Fire Use Module (FUM) has joined the Sequoia FUM in monitoring fire behavior and assessing point protection needs.

Management objectives include keeping the fire north and away from private land and assisting PCT hikers through the fire area, as needed.

Wednesday's Weather

Temperature: 72-75° F

Winds: Gusts 10 to 20 mph.

Relative Humidity: 7-12%

SMOKE: Smoke may be a concern for the Kennedy Meadows and Kern River Valley areas during the morning inversion period. Haziness and smoke may also be seen moving toward the Great Basin.

View airshed conditions on webcam:

<http://sierrafire.cr.usgs.gov/swfr/Pages/WebCam.html>

Wildland Fire Use

Wildland fire use events are naturally-ignited fires managed over a long period of time to restore the role of fire as a critical natural process.

Firefighting personnel and equipment that are available to the Fire Use Management Team are also available to quickly extinguish new fires or put out portions of current fires in areas where fire is undesirable.