



South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team

For Immediate Release

Date: August 28, 2011

Time: 8:00 p.m

Fire Update #8

Motor Fire	Location: Hwy 140 near Cedar Lodge	Structures Threatened:	70
Acres Burned:	4,755	Structures Destroyed:	0
Containment:	35%	Injuries:	0
Fire Started:	August 25,2011 12:30PM		
Cause:	Vehicle Fire		
Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 818			

Summary

The Motor Fire started August 25, 2011 at approximately 12:30pm on Hwy 140, along the Merced River and near Cedar Lodge. This fire is located in very steep, rugged terrain making access difficult. The South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team assumed command of the fire on August 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Update

Today at approximately 1:00 p.m. a DC-10 aircraft was ordered to protect natural resources and structures in the Rancheria & Old El Portal communities. The DC-10 made multiple retardant drops on the eastern edge of the fire. The use of this aircraft was very effective in reducing the intensity of the fire. Fire crews on the ground will continue to build line throughout the night to take advantage of the retardant and higher humidities.

Evacuations

- Rancheria, Cedar Lodge, Incline, and campgrounds along Incline Road are under mandatory evacuations.
- Old El Portal has been advised to prepare for evacuations.
- A resource center is open at the Lutheran Church in Mariposa, California. The address is 4469 Highway 49 South Mariposa, California. The center will remain open until 9:00 p.m. tonight and re-open August 29 at 8:00 a.m.

Closures

- Highway 140 is closed
- Stanislaus Forest Road 1S12 is closed from Yosemite Park Boundary to Five Corners.

Contact:

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For additional information visit: www.inciweb.org/2520