



South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team

For Immediate Release

Date: August 28, 2011

Time: 8:00 AM

Fire Update #7

Motor Fire	Location: Hwy 140 near Cedar Lodge	Structures Threatened:	70
Acres Burned:	4,626	Structures Destroyed:	0
Containment:	35%	Injuries:	0
Fire Started:	August 25, 2011 12:30PM		
Cause:	Vehicle Fire		

Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 850

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

Firefighters made good progress throughout the night. Crews along with air support will continue working on line construction and suppression efforts. Air support has been instrumental in supporting ground forces with line construction. Hand crews also continue to play a significant role in suppressing fire in the steep and rugged terrain.

Evacuations

- Rancheria, Cedar Lodge, Incline, and campgrounds along Incline Road are under mandatory evacuations
- Old El Portal has been advised to prepare for evacuations.
- An evacuation 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 further notice.

Closures

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

Contact:

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