



## **Erskine Fire Update June 29, 2016 9:00 AM**

**Fire Information: 760-376-3781 8:00 AM-4:30 PM**

**<http://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/4806/#>**

**Fire Start:** June 23, 2016

**Size:** 46,684 acres

**Percent Contained:** 60%

**Total Personnel:** 1,511

**Unified Command:** USFS, BLM, Kern County  
Fire Department, Kern County Sheriff

**Location:** Lake Isabella

**Cause:** Under investigation

**Costs to Date:** \$15.8 million

**Damaged Structures:** 17

**Destroyed Structures:** 257

### **Today's Fire Summary:**

There was no significant fire activity last night. Additionally, no new starts within the fire zone resulted from yesterday's thunderstorms. The fire received varying amounts of rain, reducing fire behavior to creeping and smoldering. There is a 20 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms today.

Crews and resources continue their efforts to bring the two ends of the containment line together, from the Pack Trail on the north end and Landers Meadow on the south. In areas where containment is complete, crews are repairing damage from fire-suppression activity in order to prevent additional resource damage.

Smoke will be visible over the next several days as unburned pockets of grass and trees within the fire's perimeter continue to burn. When reporting smoke, it's important to know if the smoke is new or from unburned areas within the fire's interior. Response to the report will be dispatched as appropriate.

The incident continues to support the community-recovery effort as needed.

**Safety:** Hwy 178 is now open. There is increased traffic on the highway from the public, residents, and fire vehicles. Motorists should drive defensively, exercise caution, and reduce their speed.

**Homeowner Re-entry:** There are no evacuations in place. Residents can return to their homes with ID for proof of residency.

Kern County's Office of Emergency Services' transition center is open to support the needs of recently evacuated residents who are now returning to their homes. The center is located at Woodrow W. Wallace Middle School at 3240 Erskine Creek Rd. in Lake Isabella. Normal hours of operation will be from 9 AM to 6 PM.

**Call the Kern County Emergency Operations Center at 661-873-2660 for more information on homeowner re-entry. The center hours are 8 AM-8 PM daily.**

**Shelters:** Shelters are open for residents affected by the fire and will remain open until further notice. Locations: St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights and Kernville Elementary School, Kernville. The Red Cross Safe and Well site is <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>.

**Road Closures:** Hwy 178 is open. Road closures continue off of Hwy 178 at McCray Rd and Dogwood, at Entrada and Hwy 178, and Kelso Valley and Kelso Creek Rd.

**Drone Intrusion:** An UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems), commonly referred to a "drone," intrusion occurred over the Erskine Fire, requiring air operations to be grounded for a period of time. All UAS, of any size or weight, are considered aircraft by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and are subject to FAA regulations. UAS may not be flown within a temporary flight restriction (TFR) under any circumstances without prior approval by FAA and the agency that requested the TFR.