



Erskine Fire Update July 2, 2016 8:00 AM
Fire Information: 760-376-3781 8:00 AM-4:30 PM
<http://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/4806/#>

Fire Start: June 23, 2016
Size: 48,019 acres
Percent Contained: 85%
Total Personnel: 738
Unified Command: USFS, BLM, Kern County Fire Department, Kern County Sheriff

Location: Lake Isabella
Cause: Under investigation
Costs to Date: \$20.4 million

Today's Fire Summary: Transition to a local type 3 organization will occur at 6:00 AM 07/03/2016.

Very few hot spots remain within the Erskine Fire as crews have completed the bulk of the work and the majority of the fire is contained. Crews continue to patrol the fire and conduct mop-up operations where needed. Mopping up a fire reduces the chance of escape and helps strengthen firelines. 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.

There will be no PM update starting today.

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.

Homeowner Re-entry: Power has been restored in the affected fire area. Some homes that have irreparable damage to panels remain without power.

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

The Kern County Office of Emergency Services' Local Assistance Center at Wallace Elementary will be open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday, and closed on Monday the 4th of July. Operating hours next week will be Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. The center will provide information services on disaster relief, how to replace records lost in the fire, and apply for assistance. For more information, call Kern County Emergency Operations Center at 661-873-2660 from 8 am to 4 pm. The call center will be open from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday, but closed on Monday. The Kern County 211 Directory will be available for information on Monday 07/04/2016.

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

Shelters: Shelters for affected residents—at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights and Kernville Elementary School—will remain open until further notice. The Red Cross Safe and Well website is <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>.

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.

Keep fire restrictions in mind while visiting. A hot ember can travel for miles in the wind and it only takes one small spark to ignite a large wildfire. One less spark can mean one less wildfire. Do your part to prevent wildfires.