



Erskine Fire Update July 4, 2016 8:00 AM

Fire Information: 760-376-3781 8:00 AM-4:30 PM Closed today, open Tuesday

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4806/#>

Fire Start: June 23, 2016

Size: 48,019 acres

Percent Contained: 95%

Total Personnel: 154

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

Location: Lake Isabella

Cause: Under investigation

Costs to Date: \$22.5 million

Today's Fire Summary: The type 3 team will patrol the perimeter of the fire and conduct mop-up operations as needed. 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.

Fire Restrictions: A reminder that the June 10, 2016 order issued by the Sequoia National Forest to restrict fire use is still in effect. It includes campfires or charcoal fires, being allowed only in designated campgrounds; smoking confined to enclosed vehicles or buildings, developed recreation sites and other designated sites; and a ban on fireworks, exploding targets, tracer rounds and other incendiary ammunition or devices in the Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument at any time. This includes sparklers and so-called safe and sane fireworks. For a full list of fire restrictions and other alerts, visit www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sequoia/alerts-notice for a list of areas.

One Less Spark, One less Wildfire Keep fire restrictions in mind while visiting. Hot embers can travel for miles in the wind and it only takes one small spark to ignite a large wildfire. Do your part to prevent wildfires.

Shelters: The shelter at Kernville Elementary will remain open to serve the needs of fire evacuees. The Red Cross Safe and Well website is <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>.

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.

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

Local Assistance Center (LAC): The center is open at Wallace Middle School, 3240 Erskine Creek Rd. from 9:00AM-6:00PM M-F and 9:00AM-4:00PM Sat-Sun. The LAC will be closed today, July 4th. The center provides information services on disaster relief, how to replace records lost in the fire, and apply for assistance.

The EOC call center will be closed July 4th. The number to call is [661-873-2660](tel:661-873-2660). For information today please call the 211 Information and Referral Services.

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.