



KING FIRE UPDATE

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Public information: 530-621-1201

Media information: 530-708-2724

Start Date: September 13, 2014

Containment: 94%

Estimated Containment Date: October 4, 2014

Cause: Arson

Size: 97,099 acres

Injuries: 10

Total Personnel Assigned: 2,364

Structures Destroyed: 80 (12 residences, 68 other type)

Current Situation: Warmer and drier weather accompanied by gusty winds will continue today. With these conditions, some active ground fire and smoke is expected in the fire's interior within containment lines. Firefighters are using data from heat-sensing aerial photography to locate and extinguish areas of heat remaining within, but close to, the fire perimeter. Helicopters will assist crews again today constructing fire line in an active fire area near an unburned island of fuel within the containment line on the southwest portion of the fire.

Fire crews continue to remove hazardous trees, chip brush and remove road debris to make roads safe for public travel. All forest roads within the burned area remain closed due to hazardous conditions which are expected to persist for some time. Today crews will continue repairing handline and dozer line constructed during fire suppression activity and removing excess fire equipment such as hose, pumps, and tanks. Firefighters will also patrol and mop up as needed.

With containment of the fire increasing and numbers of assigned resources decreasing, the entire fire is now being managed by one team - CIIMT 1 led by Jerry McGowan. The King fire is under Unified Command with the Eldorado National Forest and CAL FIRE.

Forest Closures:

Eldorado National Forest: Yesterday the Eldorado National Forest released a new closure order reducing the size of the closure area for public safety. The revised Forest Order has reopened popular recreation areas such as Desolation Wilderness, Wrights Lake and the east side of Ice House Road. To view the news release, new closure order and map, please visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/eldorado/news-events/?cid=STELPRD3818614> .

Tahoe National Forest: The Tahoe National Forest's road and trail closure order remains in effect and can be viewed at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tahoe/alerts-notice/?aid=252822> . Private property owners and lessees in the area covered by the Tahoe National Forest road and trail closure may apply for a permit to enter the area by contacting the American River Ranger District at 530-367-2224 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday.

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