



**CALDOR FIRE  
INCIDENT UPDATE**  
Date: 9/19/2021 Time: 8:00AM



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Incident Websites: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7801>

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El Dorado County Evacuation Map: <https://tinyurl.com/EDSOEvacMap>

<b>Incident Start Date:</b> August 14, 2021				<b>Incident Start Time:</b> 6:54 P.M.					
<b>Incident Type:</b> Wildland Fire				<b>Cause:</b> Under Investigation					
<b>Incident Location:</b> 2 miles east of Omo Ranch, 4 miles south of the community of Grizzly Flats									
<b>Size:</b>	218,876	<b>Containment:</b>	71%	<b>Expected Full Containment:</b>	September 27, 2021				
<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	5,465			<b>Structures Damaged:</b>	81				
<b>Single Residences Destroyed:</b>	782	<b>Commercial Properties Destroyed:</b>	18	<b>Other Minor Structures Destroyed:</b>	203				
<b>ASSIGNED RESOURCES</b>									
<b>Engines:</b>	197	<b>Water Tenders:</b>	38	<b>Helicopters:</b>	8	<b>Hand Crews:</b>	41	<b>Dozers:</b>	31
<b>Other:</b>	41			<b>Total Personnel:</b>	2,118				
<b>CURRENT SITUATION</b>									

Firefighters continued patrolling and monitoring fire activity as gusty southwest winds persisted overnight. There were several calls for service but responding personnel were able to determine that the areas of concern were within the existing fire footprint. Despite challenging conditions, there has not been any growth identified outside of the established fire perimeter.

Today, fire personnel will continue to improve control lines and engage fire as needed and where safe to do so. Crews will focus on establishing and improving lines in the Desolation Wilderness, Scout Peak, Lake Margaret, and Dans Meadow areas. Firefighters will tie handlines into natural terrain features where possible. Some suppression repair activities, such as large tree removal along Highway 50 and the Mormon Emigrant Trail, will remain on hold for the safety of fire personnel until weather conditions improve.

Gusty winds are expected to remain through the morning with winds decreasing in the afternoon. The western half of the fire received light rain overnight with .05 to .23 inches reported. Humidity levels are expected to decrease behind the cold front and winds will switch from the southwest to east. A Fire Weather Watch will go into effect at 11 p.m. and will remain in place until 11 a.m. on Tuesday due to windy conditions and low relative humidity levels.

Liberty Utilities, Pacific Gas & Electric, and NV Energy were all considering Public Safety Power Shutdowns (PSPS) Saturday night into Sunday due to high winds. These shutdown are done to limit the chance of a new fire igniting due to a mechanical failure of electrical equipment. For detailed information about these shutdowns please go to [Liberty Utilities](#), [PG&E](#), and [NVEnergy](#).

## USFS FOREST INFORMATION

- **Eldorado National Forest:** The Eldorado National Forest forest-wide closure (03-21- 14) remains in effect until September 30. Access and orders will be refined over time. MORE: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/eldorado/>
- **LTBMU:** The Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit closure order (19-21-05) remains in effect for the following backcountry areas: Desolation Wilderness, Meiss Country, Barker Pass and McKinney/Rubicon through Sep. 19, 2021. Access and orders will be refined over time. MORE: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/ltbmu/>

A **Burned Area Emergency Response Team (BAER)** has started evaluating the Caldor Fire area. This is a rapid assessment of burned watersheds by a BAER team to identify imminent post-wildfire threats to human life and safety, property, and critical natural or cultural resources on National Forest System lands and take immediate actions to implement emergency stabilization measures before the first post-fire damaging events.

## EVACUATIONS AMADOR COUNTY

### AMADOR COUNTY – ORDERS DOWNGRADED TO WARNING

- **ZONE 4A-** South of Highway 88 along the Amador/El Dorado County Line from Dufrene Road, north of the line due East from Dufrene Road to the Amador/Alpine County Line, west of the line due south from Highway 88 to the east end of Salt Springs Reservoir.
- **ZONE 5A-** South of Highway 88 along the Amador/El Dorado County Line, north of the line due east from Dufrene Road to the Amador/ Alpine County Line, east of the line due south from Highway 88 to the east end of Salt Springs Reservoir, west of the Amador/Alpine County Line.

View the interactive evacuation map here: <https://tinyurl.com/AmadorEvac>

### AMADOR COUNTY – WARNINGS LIFTED

- **ZONE 4B-** South of Dufrene Road due east to the Amador/Alpine County Line, north of the Amador/Calaveras County Line, west of Panther Creek Road, east of the line due south from Highway 88 to the east end of the Salt Springs Reservoir
- **ZONE 5B-** South of Dufrene Road due east to the Amador/Alpine County Line, north of the Amador/Calaveras County Line, west of the Amador/Alpine County Line, East of the line due south from Highway 88 to the east end of the Salt Springs Reservoir.

## EVACUATIONS EL DORADO COUNTY

### EL DORADO COUNTY – ORDER

- **CAPLES CREEK** - This section is south of Highway 50 east of Kyburz up to 41 Milestone Tract and south all the way to Highway 88 between 1 mile east of Mormon Emigrant Trail up to Caples Lake following the County Line.
- **DESOLATION** - This section extends south of the Placer County Line in the area of the Rubicon Trail between Spider Lake and Sourdough Hill and extends south into Desolation Wilderness all the way to Highway 50 to include the areas of Rockbound Lake, Rubicon Reservoir, Highland Lake, Horseshoe Lake, Schmidell Lake and Twin Lakes south to Highway 50 between Wrights Lake Road and Twin Bridges. The eastern edge of this area is in line with Clyde Lake and Pyramid Lake.
- **DESOLATION EAST** - The area north of Echo Lake, following the Desolation Wilderness north staying west of Fallen Leaf Lake, Cascade Lake and Emerald Bay up to the Placer County Line

- **DESOLATION NORTH** - This is the area of Desolation Wilderness south of the Placer County Line extending to Emerald Bay but staying within Desolation Wilderness.
- **HEAVENLY** - The entire Heavenly property and lands, extending northeast to the Alpine County Line and to the Nevada State line.
- **HELL HOLE** - Northeast of Highway 89, west of the Alpine County line, and south of Tahoe Paradise Golf Course
- **NORTH ECHO** - North of Highway 50 between Twin Bridges and Echo Summit, extending to the north just past Upper Echo Lake.
- **SOUTH ECHO** - South of Highway 50 starting at Camp Sacramento to the top of Echo Summit then proceeding due south to the Alpine County Line.
- **TRIMMER** - The area east of Pioneer Trail to the Alpine County Line stopping south of Heavenly Ski Resort, excluding all residences off Pioneer Trail.

View the interactive evacuation zone and road closure map here: <https://tinyurl.com/ElDoradoEvac>

### EL DORADO COUNTY WARNINGS

- **MET TO HWY 88** - South of Mormon Emigrant Trail to Highway 88. West on Highway 88 to Hams Station.
- **US 50 SOUTH TO KYBURZ** - South of Highway 50 from Ice House Road to Silver Fork Road, to include the community of Kyburz, excluding the area south of the south fork of the American River. East of Mormon Emigrant Trail to Highway 88.
- **Crystal Basin B:** From Ice House Road east to the border of desolation wilderness and from the Placer County line, south to Granite Springs Road and the area south of Granite Springs Road to Highway 50 at Wrights Lake Road
- **CHRISTMAS VALLEY** - All residences accessed from Highway 89 south of Highway 50 in Meyers through Christmas Valley and including all of South Upper Truckee.
- **SLY TO 36 MILESTONE**

### EVACUATION WARNINGS LIFTED EL DORADO COUNTY

- **MEYERS** - All residences in Meyers north of Highway 89 and east of Highway 50 to include all streets accessed from Apache, Mandan, following Pioneer Trail northeast just past Elks Club.
- **GRIZZLY FLAT** – All county closure orders have been lifted as of 5 p.m. on September 17, 2021.
- **FALLEN LEAF C** - The area of Fallen Leaf Road from Tahoe Mountain Road into the end of Fallen Leaf Road. The privately owned residences are open to be occupied under this warning. The US Forest Service permitted residences must get an exemption permit from the US Forest Service prior to returning and that will likely be in the form of a day pass only.
- **CALDOR** - East of North South Road, West of Service Road 09N78A, north of the Middle Fork of the Cosumnes River, south of Caldor
- **PI PI** - East of North South Road from Omo Ranch to Cat Creek and east to Highway 881 mile east of Omo Ranch Road.
- **SOUTHEAST POLLOCK** - North of Park Creek Road to Highway 50, east Fresh Pond to Ice House Road. Due south from Ice House to the intersection of Mormon Emigrant Trail Intersection and west along Mormon Emigrant Trail Intersection to the Park Creek Mormon Emigrant Trail Intersection.

### ALPINE EVACUATION WARNINGS

- **21A** – Highway 89 at Pickett’s Junction west to the Alpine/El Dorado County Line
- **Zone 22A** – Pickett’s Junction Northeast to Fay Luther Canyon
  - a. Horse Thief Canyon to Fay Luther Canyon

View the interactive evacuation map here: <https://tinyurl.com/AlpineEvac>

### **ALPINE COUNTY EVACUATION WARNINGS LIFTED**

- **ZONE 19** - Highway 88 Picket's Junction south to Kirkwood and the Alpine/Amador County line.
- **ZONE 20** - Wilderness and forested areas south of 88 and west of Blue Lakes.

### **COOPERATING AGENCIES**

Alpine County Sheriff's Department, Amador County Sheriff's Office, AT&T, Barton Health, Cal EMSA, Cal Guard, Cal OES Fire, Cal Trans, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Campora, Carson City BLM, CCC, CDCR, CHP, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, El Dorado County Dept of Agriculture, El Dorado County Dept of Planning and Building, El Dorado County DOT, El Dorado County EMSA, El Dorado County Fire, El Dorado County OES, El Dorado County Office of Education, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, El Dorado Hills FD, El Dorado Irrigation District, Fallen Leaf CSD Fire Department, Grizzly Flats Community Services District, Heavenly Ski Resort, Kirkwood Mountain Resort, Liberty Utilities, Marshall Medical Center, Mosquito Fire Department, Nevada Department of Emergency Management, Nevada Department of Public Safety, Nevada Department of Transportation, Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Nevada Division of Forestry, Nevada Highway Patrol, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, North Tahoe Fire Protection District, NV Energy, Paragon Gaming LLC, PG&E, Pioneer FD, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians FD, Sierra-at-Tahoe, SMUD, South Lake Tahoe EOC, South Lake Tahoe Fire Department, South Lake Tahoe Police Department, South Lake Tahoe Public Utility, District, SWRCB, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District, Verizon, Volcano Telephone, Washoe Emergency Operations Center, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

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