

Caldor Fire Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is the Forest open?
 - a. The Eldorado National Forest has a new Fire Closure Order and additional restrictions in effect listed below:
 - i. The Caldor Fire Closure, [Forest Order 03-21-18](#) will be in effect until March 31, 2022, but could be lifted sooner or modified if conditions warrant.
 - ii. Due to the continued level of fire risk, the portions of the forest outside the Caldor Fire Closure will be open for day use only. Beginning September 30, overnight camping will be temporarily prohibited under [Forest Order 03-21-16](#) and
 - iii. A full fire ban will be in effect under [Forest Order 03-21-17](#). These restrictions mean that all kinds of open flame are prohibited in the forest, including wood, charcoal, and gas fires.
 - b. The Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit has two closure orders in effect that close the areas listed specifically within the order:
 - i. Backcountry Closure Forest Order (19-21-07) is in effect for the following areas: Desolation Wilderness, Meiss Country, Barker Pass, Blackwood Canyon and McKinney/Rubicon and is in effect through October 20, 2021. View the closure order and map at <https://go.usa.gov/xM9J5>.
 - ii. Caldor Fire Emergency Closure (19-21-06) is in effect through December 31, 2021. View the closure order and map at <https://go.usa.gov/xM9Jy>.
 1. These orders will be refined over time.
 - a. [Map of all closures](#) due to the Caldor Fire
2. Is Mormon Emigrant Trail open?
 - a. No, it is within the Caldor Fire closure order 03-21-18 and was damaged during the incident. (see order above)
3. Is hunting allowed?
 - a. Yes, it is allowed in areas not closed due to the Caldor Fire for day use only. (see orders above)
4. Are there still evacuations in place?
 - a. No, all evacuations warnings and orders have been lifted as of October 4, 2021.
5. Where is the fire most active and what is the containment?
 - a. Priorities remain mopping up and securing control line in the Caples Creek and Strawberry Lake drainages in Division Quebec and patrolling highways 50 and 88. Current acreage is 93% contained.
6. Can I access my Special Use Recreation Cabin?
 - a. Recreation cabin owners can obtain a permit by calling their forest service office to access their permitted cabin. The **FS-7700-48 exemption permits** issued to all recreation residence tracts on the **Placerville RD**: They are good through October 31, 2021 and being honored them under the 9/30/2021 Caldor Fire Closure Order.
7. When did the fire start?
 - a. This fire was reported on August 14, 2021 two miles East of Omo Ranch, and four miles South of Grizzly Flat.
8. What started the fire?
 - a. There is still an investigation being conducted on the cause of this fire.