



CALDOR FIRE

Daily Update



Thursday, October 21, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

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Summary: After burning for over 60 days, the Caldor Fire has reached 100 percent containment. Communities in the Plymouth and South Lake Tahoe area will continue to see firefighters over the next several weeks as focus now turns primarily to repairing the over 400 miles of constructed line and 660 points impacted by suppression effort. “Repair efforts set the immediate stage for our resources and community to recovery from this devastating wildfire,” said Jeff Knudson, Incident Commander.

Contained, controlled and out are three distinct phases. For example, although the fire is contained, large diameter trees and stump holes will continue to smolder well into the winter months. Containment, in its simplest form, is a measure of line around the fire.

Controlled means fire managers are confident the fire is not likely to get outside the line. Some fires can linger under control until winter rains or snow arrive and finally bury any and all smoldering logs, embers or ash. And even then, under the right conditions, fires can still show themselves once spring comes, snow melts and the tiniest of hot ember finds just enough air and fuel to show smoke. Rare as it might be, it does happen.

When a fire is finally called out, it means it’s out. No hot embers, no smoke and no fire within the perimeter. Controlled and out are two different things.

Closures remain in place not only for the safety of firefighters while they conduct repair operations, but for the safety of the public. Weakened trees, damaged roads and other hazards increase following a wildfire. Visit the Eldorado National Forest and Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit websites to access the most current information.

Planned Operations: Operations will begin removing excess radio equipment from the fire area in preparation for the significant weather events anticipated this weekend. Work on the N. South Road began today as crews started removing hazardous trees and clearing culverts.

Quick Facts	
Fire Location	Southeast of Placerville, CA along US 50 to South Lake Tahoe
Approximate Acreage	221,835 Acres
Containment	100%
Repair Completed	51% line construction (ex: dozers & hand lines) 40% isolated areas (ex: airdrops, staging)
Start Date	8/14/2021
Cause	Under Investigation
Incident Commander	Jeff Knudson, Great Basin Type 2 Incident Management Team #7
Total Personnel	526
Online Links	
Inciweb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7801/	
Facebook: @EldoradoNF @LakeTahoeUSFS	
Twitter: @EldoradoNF @LakeTahoeUSFS	
ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Order 03-21-19 - Area, Road, and Trail Closure • Forest Order 03-21-20 - Fire Restrictions 	
LAKE TAHOE BASIN MANAGEMENT UNIT (LTBMU):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Order 19-21-06 – Emergency Closure • Forest Order 19-21-01 – Fire Restrictions 	