



Rough Fire

August 21, 2015, 9:00pm

Closures & Advisories:

- Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks issued a closure of the Cedar Grove area and the Grant Grove area.
- Sierra National Forest issued a closure order for the Rough Fire Area.
- Sequoia National Forest issued a closure order for the Hume Lake and Monarch Wilderness, including Forest Road 12S01, 12S01E, and 12S19 in the Sequoia Highlands area.
- Black Rock Campground and Forest Road 11S12 (also called Black Rock Road) is closed between Balch Camp and Sawmill Flat.
- The Hume Lake area is closed, as is Hwy 180 beyond Grant Tree Road.

Please see InciWeb for more specific details.

Fire Size Today: 41,984 acres

Containment: 3%

1,484 Firefighters:
22 crews, 102 engines and 10 helicopters

Location:
Kings River Drainage, 5 miles North of Hume Lake and 2.5 miles southwest of Spanish Mountain Fire is being managed on the Sierra National Forest, Sequoia National Forest, and Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks.

Started: 7/31/15 lightning caused

Management: California Interagency Incident Management Team (CIIMT) 3 and South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team

Fire Restrictions: are in place for the Sierra National Forest. Campfires are only allowed in designated developed recreation sites

No campfires are allowed within the Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument.

Summary:

Firefighter and public safety remains the number one priority while fighting the Rough Fire. Full suppression tactics are being used to fight the fire to protect values at risk. This includes structures, residences, private property, powerlines, and other infrastructure.

Direct fire suppression is being employed by aircraft, due to inaccessible terrain on portions of the fire. Ground resources are using indirect tactics, including burning operations to safely fight the fire.

On the southern zone, the fire continues to move towards Hume Lake, and remains well established in the 10 mile drainage. It continues to move towards Windy Gulch, Lockwood Grove, and Evans Grove.

On the northern zone of the fire, it continues to move along the Kings River towards Balch Camp and Black Rock Powerstation.

The Grant Grove and Wilsonia area of Kings Canyon National Park will be temporarily closed to visitors until further notice starting at 6 a.m. on August 22, 2015, due to ongoing fire activity in the area and related smoke impacts. There are no direct fire threats to Grant Grove, Wilsonia, or Cedar Grove in Kings Canyon National Park at this time.

Other places to visit:

- The wilderness of Kings Canyon National Park remains open.
- In addition, Sequoia National Park remains open.

Southern zone Incident Command Post (ICP) is located in Squaw Valley, and the Northern Zone ICP will remain at the Dinkey Creek Work Center.

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Incident Information: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4456/>

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