



# Rough Fire

August 22, 2015, 9:00am

### 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.
- Black Rock Campground and Forest Road 11S12 (also called Black Rock Road) is closed between Balch Camp and McKinley Road.
- Sequoia National Forest issued a closure order for the Hume Lake Ranger District, Jenny Lakes Wilderness and Monarch Wilderness, including Forest Road 12S01, 12S01E, and 12S19 in the Sequoia Highlands area.
- The Hume Lake recreation area is closed, as is Hwy 180 beyond the junction of Hwy 198 (Generals Highway).

**Please see InciWeb for more specific details.**

Fire Size Today: 47,079 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:

Beginning this morning, the Grant Grove and Wilsonia area of Kings Canyon National Park will be closed to visitors until further notice. Highway 180 will be closed beyond the junction of Highway 198 (Generals Highway). Visitors to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks can still travel the Generals Highway from the Big Stump entrance station to the Ash Mountain entrance station.

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

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) has been coordinating closely with fire managers. Today at the recommendation of the Incident Management Team, PG&E employees will be evacuating from the PG&E facilities at Balch Camp. They have also assisted firefighters by de-energizing power lines where needed, to provide for firefighter safety.

There is a Community Meeting Sunday afternoon at 3:00 PM at the PG&E Recreation Center, 70185 Courtright Road in Wishon.

Direct fire suppression is being employed by aircraft, due to inaccessible terrain on portions of the fire. Yesterday all aircraft assigned to the incident flew the maximum hours allowed.

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 Powerhouse.

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

**The Fire Information hotline will be staffed at the ICP in Squaw Valley.**

**The new Fire Information number is 559-332-2028**

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



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