



Rough Fire

August 22, 2015, Evening

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%

2275 Firefighters:
22 crews, 169 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:

A Community Meeting will be held tomorrow, Sunday, at 3:00 PM at the PG&E Helms Headquarters, located at 67250 Helms Circle, Shaver Lake, CA.

The Grant Grove and Wilsonia area of Kings Canyon National Park will remain closed to visitors until further notice. Highway 180 is 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.

The fire burned down the slope north of Junction View, to the river. Directly above the overlook (Northwest) the fire has crossed Hwy 180 and continues to flank down Hwy 180. Burning Operations have been conducted in this area around Hume Lake Road.

Direct fire suppression is being employed along Road 13S09 Spur K in the Tenmile Creek area near Landslide Campground. This operation will tie the fire into Road 13S26. Aircraft continue to be used for these direct suppression operations.

Crews are engaged in hand firing from the Bailey Bridge toward Balch Camp approximately 1 mile up from the Bridge. Firing operations have also occurred along 2 miles of Balch Camp Rd from Balch Camp working back toward Bailey Bridge. Dozers continue to build contingency lines.

The southeast flank is well established in the Tenmile Drainage and is directly threatening numerous commercial and residential structures around Hume Lake. Fire continues to move towards Windy Gulch, Lockwood Grove and Evans Grove.

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.

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, 559-332-2028 will be staffed at the ICP in Squaw Valley.

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



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