



Rough Fire

August 23, 2015, Morning

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: 47,396 acres

Containment: 7%

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 today, 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 remain closed to recreational activities. There are still many visitors coming to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, and visitors can still travel the Generals Highway from the Big Stump entrance station to the Ash Mountain entrance station. With the increased number of emergency equipment in the area combined with normal visitor travel, it is extremely important for everyone to have a heightened level of awareness behind the wheel. Please be extremely careful while driving.

There was very little active burning overnight which allowed for additional control of the fire, especially in the Hume Lake area. With successful burning operations over the last couple of days, cooperative weather, and direct suppression efforts, the threat in the Hume Lake area has been greatly reduced.

Direct fire suppression will continue 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 were engaged in hand firing from the Bailey Bridge toward Balch Camp and progressed approximately 1 mile up from the Bridge. Firing operations also occurred along 2 miles of Balch Camp Rd from Balch Camp working back toward Bailey Bridge. As the fire approaches the North Fork, hand firing operations are anticipated over the next few days. With changes in wind directions, the fire will move to the northwest today.

Firefighter and public safety remains the number one priority while fighting the Rough Fire. Natural resources in the area continue to be a priority. Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (MIST) will be utilized within these areas. Resource Advisors are working with crews to identify areas requiring additional protection and MIST.

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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