



Rough Fire

August 23, 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: 49,440 acres

Containment: 7%

2275 Firefighters:
24 crews, 148 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:

Fire crews, engines and equipment are entering and exiting the highway into the incident command post located on highway 180 at Squaw Valley. Please use extreme caution while driving to our national treasures of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park, Giant Sequoia National Monument National Monument, Sierra and Sequoia National Forests. Remember there are still a lot of visitors traveling here too.

The North Zone of the Rough Fire held a community meeting today for the people who live, work and recreate in the Wishon and Courtright areas. The meeting was held at the Helms PG&E Headquarters and was attended by more than 70 people. The Incident Commander of the North Zone, David Cooper, provided an overview of the fire situation and the management plans for control. Fresno County Sheriff, Margaret Mims also spoke with the group. Residents were advised by Sheriff Mims to prepare their properties and to work with the firefighters. Remember, **Ready, Set, Go!**

The Grant Grove and Wilsonia areas of Kings Canyon National Park will **reopen** in stages over the next two days starting tomorrow. Monday at 12 noon, the General Grant Tree, Panoramic Point, park trails, John Muir Lodge, Grant Grove Cabins, restaurant, market, and gift shop will be open. On Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at 8 a.m., the Kings Canyon Visitor Center will reopen. On Tuesday, August 25, at 12 noon, Sunset Campground will open.

The fire became fairly active again this afternoon in multiple areas. As a result of fire activity and firing operations, the area has increased approximately 2,000 acres to 49,440 acres or 77 square miles.

Direct fire suppression continued southwest of Hume Lake near Landslide Campground. The objective of this operation is to stop the southern spread south of Hume Lake and east of the Kennedy Grove area. Aircraft continue to be used for these direct suppression operations.

Crews conducted hand firing near Balch Camp. The fire made a run up canyon and burned laterally across the slope approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ miles from Balch Camp. Retardant is being dropped from helicopter to build a retardant line from the river up slope to check the fire spread.

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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