



# Rough Fire

August 24, 2015, Morning

## Closures & Advisories:

- Sierra National Forest issued a closure order for the Rough Fire Area.
- The Grant Grove and Wilsonia areas of Kings Canyon National Park will reopen in stages over the next two days starting today. At noon, the General Grant Tree, Panoramic Point, park trails, John Muir Lodge, Grant Grove Cabins, restaurant, market and gift shop will be open.
- Tomorrow the Kings Canyon Visitor Center will reopen at 8 a.m.
- The Hume Lake Ranger District, Jenny Lakes Wilderness and Monarch Wilderness, including Forest Road 12S01, 12S01E, and 12S19 in the Sequoia Highlands area of the Sequoia National Forest remain closed.

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

Fire Size Today: 49,440 acres

Containment: 17%

2126 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 at the incident command post located on highway 180 at Squaw Valley. The reopening of the Grant Grove area to visitors will add to the traffic congestion. 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.

Additional parts of the Grant Grove and Wilsonia areas of Kings Canyon National Park will reopen on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. At 8 a.m., the Kings Canyon Visitor Center will reopen and at 12 noon, Sunset Campground will open.

Efforts in the Ten Mile drainage have reduced the threat to commercial and residential structures in the Hume Lake area. Fire continues to spread towards the Windy Gulch area which includes Lockwood Grove and Evans Grove. A critical line is near completion from Hwy 180 to the Kings River.

Firing activities were conducted to fortify the line from Bailey Bridge to Balch Camp on Balch Camp Rd. Hand and aerial firing is anticipated to continue over the next several days to keep the fire backing to the north fork of the King's River.

High pressure will remain centered over Arizona through Tuesday and will push northwest towards the fire area. Light winds are expected. Temperatures will trend higher and humidity will trend lower. The inversion layer will persist, causing smoky conditions from midnight to 10 a.m. in many areas.

Though fire activity has lessened over the last few days, local citizens and visitors should stay alert. Sheriff Mims advises residents to prepare their properties and to work with the firefighters. Remember, **Ready, Set, Go!**

**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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