



Rough Fire

August 25, 2015, Morning

Closures & Advisories:

- Sierra National Forest issued a closure order for the Rough Fire area.
- 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.
- McKinley Grove Rd. (11S40) is closed at Wishon Dam, including the 11S07.
- 10S24 is closed from the intersection of 11S91 to where it meets 11S40 at Buck Meadow.
- 11S12 Rd. (Salt Flat Rd.) is closed at McKinley Grove Rd.
- Trimmer Springs Road at Kirch Flat.
- Parts of the Grant Grove and Wilsonia areas of Kings Canyon National Park are now open. The General Grant Tree, Panoramic Point, John Muir Lodge, Grant Grove Cabins, Visitor Center, park trails, restaurant, market and gift shop are now open to residents and visitors.

Please see InciWeb for more specific details.

Fire Size Today: 51,794 acres

Containment: 17%

1984 Firefighters:

24 crews, 138 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 3 (CIIMT3) 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:

In the Wishon area, structure protection and hazard reduction efforts have been initiated by removing flammable materials against structures and removing dead and dying vegetation from around properties in the fire's path. Securing the protection of PG&E power grid facilities at Balch Camp and Black Rock remains a high priority.

Fire crews continue to construct dozer lines along the McKenzie Ridge, working from the intersection of Cherry Gap and Hwy 180. They also continue to prep forest roads and structures in the Buck Rock area. Direct fireline construction continues west of Kennedy Meadow.

The Rough Fire is using two helibases on the incident - one in Dunlap in the Southern Zone and one in Auberry in the Northern Zone to ensure rapid support of crews when the inversion layer lifts.

Crews are using MIST (minimal impact suppression tactics) wherever possible to protect the wildlife and natural beauty of the area.

Fire crews have begun to extinguish smoldering material along the fire's edge by ensuring logs/debris cannot roll across the fireline and to prevent sparks from escaping the fire's perimeter. The progress made around Hume Lake will allow crews to begin the process of removing excess hose and equipment from the area.

There will be a community meeting regarding the Rough Fire on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Dunlap School, 39667 Dunlap Rd. Dunlap, CA 93621. The meeting will be hosted by California Interagency Incident Management Team 3. Incident Commander Mark von Tillow will discuss the current fire situation and the operational plan for the Rough Fire. There will also be remarks by the local fire and law enforcement authorities, Sierra and Sequoia National Forests, Giant Sequoia National Monument and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks representatives. An open forum for questions from the public will follow.

Please watch for updates and closures. Call the Fire Information number to get your email added to receive current updates.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028