



Rough Fire

August 25, 2015, Evening

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.

Open

- 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: 53, 208 acres

Containment: 21%

2152 Firefighters:

24 crews, 134 engines and 11 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:

The fire has pushed 2 miles east from Horsehoe Bend along Highway 180 to Boulder Creek. Efforts have been made to protect the Boyden Cavern gift shop by removing dead vegetation and applying fire retardant gel.

The fire continues to burn east into Evans Grove. Firefighters are taking extra care to protect the natural and historic resources in the area such as the Dolbeer Donkey's.

The fire made a significant run, including a sustained crown run from the canyon bottom to ridgetop towards Converse Grove. Air resources were dedicated to this run in an effort to stop it and protect the Boole Tree and Chicago Stump.

The northwest corner of the fire at the confluence of the Middle and North Forks of the King River has been secured. This section of line continues to cool and is in mop up and patrol status unless fire activity warrants otherwise. The fire has burned above and around Balch Camp. No problems have been reported.

Beetle-killed trees are a factor in fire spread by allowing for easy ignition and spotting ahead of the main fire. Drought stricken fuels, falling snags, and rolling material continue to challenge firefighters to maintain containment lines.

The Rough Fire is continuing to use 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.

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.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028