



Rough Fire

August 26, 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: 55,989 acres

Containment: 25%

2098 Firefighters:

36 crews, 133 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:

Over 300 citizens were in attendance at tonight's community meeting regarding the Rough Fire which was broadcasted live on [USTREAM](#) and was held at Dunlap School in Dunlap, CA. The meeting was hosted by California Interagency Incident Management Team 3. Incident Commander Mark von Tillow discussed the current fire situation and the operational plan for the Rough Fire. There were remarks by representatives of local fire and law enforcement authorities, Sierra and Sequoia National Forests, Giant Sequoia National Monument, Sequoia Kings Canyon National Parks.

Fire crews have been coordinating closely with agency resource advisors to protect natural and cultural resources at risk in Converse Basin. Relics of both prehistoric and historic use remain in the grove, but remember; all these items are protected by law and must remain in the woods. The oldest verified sequoia stump is in Converse Basin Grove and is just over 3,200 years old.

The fire was active north of Highway 180 and west of Junction View. Sustained crown runs occurred from the canyon bottoms to ridgetops. Crews were engaged in perimeter control connecting fire lines down to Kings River and from Cherry Gap to McKenzie Ridge. Air resources continued to be utilized in this area.

The fire continues to burn east into Boulder Creek Drainage threatening Lockwood, Evans and Kennedy Groves. Structural protection efforts have been made to Boyden Cavern gift shop by removing dead vegetation and application of fire retardant gel. Crews are continuing to prep structures and improve contingency lines along road 14S02 towards Quail Flat.

A Fire Behavior Assessment Team (FBAT) worked today installing equipment for the Rough Fire. They are a unique fire module that measures pre-fire fuels/vegetation, active fire behavior (with sensors in the fire), and post-fire fuels/vegetation conditions during wildfires and prescribed fires.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028