



Rough Fire

August 27, 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.

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%

2051 Firefighters:

36 crews, 127 engines and 12 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:

PG&E and fire officials are evaluating the Balch Camp area for the possible return of the employees and families.

Incident Commander David Cooper met with Sierra National Forest employees at the High Sierra Ranger District Office and provided current information regarding suppression efforts for the North Zone. PG&E employees at the Wishon power facility were provided a fire update, including current efforts to protect their infrastructure and residences.

The North Zone is utilizing three wildland fire modules consisting of 10 persons each. These specialized modules are designed for remote work and will hike in to the John Muir Wilderness. Their priority is to stem the spread of the fire to the east using existing trails and natural barriers within the Congressionally designated wilderness.

Approximately 320 citizens attended the community meeting last night at the Dunlap School regarding the Rough Fire. The meeting was broadcast live on [USTREAM](#) and is available to be viewed through today. 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 and Sequoia Kings Canyon National Parks.

The fire remained active overnight along the fire fronts, especially in the canyon areas. Additional resources are being assigned to the night shift by reallocating day operation crews in an effort to combat these conditions.

A Fire Behavior Team (FBAT) worked to install analyzing 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