



# Rough Fire

## August 27, 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: 56,919 acres

Containment: 25%

2051 Firefighters:

35 crews, 149 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:**

Feeding the firefighters working on any fire is no small task. The Rough Fire is no exception. Studies have shown that firefighters use upwards of 9000 calories a day. It is important that the right foods are provided to replenish the energy used. Hot and cold meals are prepared daily by the fire camp. Hot meals are served at camp, and lunches with the necessary mix of carbohydrates are provided at the Supply Unit for crews to take to their assignments. Proper nutrition and hydration are essential to remain healthy and strong.

A [Fire Behavior Assessment Team \(FBAT\)](#) is assigned to 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.

The Rough Fire remains east of the North Fork of the Kings River. During the last several days significant progress has been made constructing contingency lines and burning out fuels along those lines. Smoke may continue to be present in the area as these fuels are burned. Helicopters continue to cool the fire with water drops along a one mile section of the Kings River where fire has not yet reached the river.

Multiple infrastructure repairs and reconstruction will delay the re-population of the Balch Camp area by employees and residents. If all goes well they will be able to begin returning to their homes on Friday, August 28.

Fire moved approximately 2 miles east along the north side of Kings River and 1 mile east along the south side toward Monarch Grove. Fire continues to move through Kennedy Grove along the Boulder Creek drainage. Pockets of beetle killed trees continue to aid in fire progression through the drainages. Crews in this area are working on contingency lines working into the old Sheep Fire area.

Fire progressed west along Highway 180 towards Converse Basin. Lines are being established through Converse Basin. The fire is not expected to progress southwest of Converse Peak.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028