



# Rough Fire

August 28, 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: 60238 acres

Containment: 25%

2033 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:

Firing operations will take place South of the Wishon Reservoir along the Crown Valley Trail today. Resources available for structure protection include hand crews, engines, water tenders and dozers.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. this morning, the employees and families of PG&E will be allowed to repopulate the Balch Camp Facility. The Camp Facility will be re-energized, but there remains a tremendous amount of work prior to re-energizing the entire system. This work includes cleaning insulators and cleaning fire retardant off of power poles.

Crews picked up a few spot fires along the Crown Valley dozer line. Structures were prepped and plumbed with hoses and indirect lines established for firing operations. Contingency lines have progressed to the north and tied into Fence Meadow and are progressing to Ross Crossing.

Fire in the Kennedy Grove area, southeast of Hume Lake, continues to move southeast in a slow to moderate rate of speed with short range spotting. Fuels and topography to the east become more broken which will cause the rate of speed to slow.

Fire will continue to spread west from Highway 180 toward Converse Basin. Rapid rates of spread are expected in the drainage bottoms along the King River. These runs are expected to stall as they reach the ridge anchored by Converse Peak. The fire is not expected to progress southwest of Converse Peak.

With the weekend approaching, it is expected that the number of visitors in the park will increase significantly. It is important to remember that public and firefighter safety is the first priority. Please drive with extreme caution as there is a significant amount of large, heavy equipment moving around there area. Drive with your lights on to make yourself more visible, especially in the morning and evening hours. Remember to wear your seatbelts at all times. Do not drive while talking or texting on your cell phone. Distracted driving is a leading cause of accidents.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028