



Rough Fire

August 28, 2015, Evening

Closures & Advisories:

- Evacuation warning in the Wishon area, precautionary due to firing operations in the area
- 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: 61316 acres

Containment: 25%

2068 Firefighters:

37 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.

Summary:

Balch Camp and PG&E personnel and families were allowed to return to their homes this morning. The power lines that serve the area were re-energized. Additional high voltage lines may be re-energized as early as tomorrow.

An evacuation warning was issued at approximately 10 am today by the Fresno County Sheriff Department to residents and visitors in the Wishon area. The warning is a precaution due to firing operations several miles south. Residents were advised to follow the Ready, Set, Go principals, and that if significant spotting occurs outside of the fire perimeter, a mandatory evacuation order will be issued from the Sheriff's Office. Crews will continue to treat and protect structures with hand crews, engines, water tenders, and dozers, and will keep the public informed of all current evacuation information.

The Wildland Firefighting Modules working in the John Muir Wilderness began burning out from the wilderness boundary along the Crown Valley Trail to the east in an effort to contain the northeast corner of the fire.

Fire in the east is expected to continue working southeast through Evans Grove and along the Boulder Creek drainage. The fire through the groves has been low intensity with minimal impact to the sequoia trees. Crews continued to work on establishing contingency lines into the Sheep Burn area from 2010.

Fire in the Converse Basin area has become more active with uphill runs from the Kings River drainage southwest toward Hoist Ridge. The area around the Boole tree has been cleared and a sprinkler system installed around the area to provide added protection.

Hot shot crews are teams of 20 firefighters specifically trained for wildland firefighting using little more than hand tools and brute force. Hot shot crews are considered an elite group among wildland firefighters, due to their extensive training, high physical fitness standards and ability to undertake difficult, dangerous, and stressful assignments. There are Type 1 hot shot crews assigned to the Rough Fire due to the extreme terrain.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028