



Rough Fire

August 29, 2015, Morning

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 Incident Management Team (SCSIMT3).

Fire Restrictions: are in place for the Sierra National Forest. Campfires are only allowed in designated developed recreation sites.

Summary:

The South Central Sierra Incident Management Team, managing the north side of the fire, has been extended seven days beyond the usual 14 day assignment. This will allow Incident Commander David Cooper and his team to maintain continuity of the firefighting efforts.

The Rough Fire has been impacting the recreation opportunities on the Hume Lake Ranger District. Developed campgrounds that are open include Stony Creek, Upper Stony Creek, Fir, and Cove Group Campgrounds. Also open are Stony Creek Village Resort and Montecito Lake Resort. Depending on conditions, these recreation sites may be closed for the upcoming Labor Day Holiday.

Fire in the east is will continue moving 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 was cleared and a sprinkler system installed around the area to provide added protection.

Two Community Hazard Reduction Days, sponsored by the Oak to Timber Fire Safe Council and Central Sierra Chamber, will occur at the Pinehurst Chamber. The event will occur from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today and 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. on Monday August 31st. Please contact Sandy Cates, 559-999-5491, for more information.

The evacuation warning issued yesterday by the Fresno County Sheriff's Department for the Wishon area remains in effect. This is a safety measure taken in conjunction with a planned firefighting operation. This warning is an alerting of community members in a defined area of a potential threat to life and property from an emergency incident.

The updated weather forecast includes lower temperatures and higher relative humidity. With that comes an increase in wind potential which could pose new challenges for firefighters on the line as they continue to work on containment.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028