



Rough Fire

August 29, 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: 66542 acres

Containment: 25%

2121 Firefighters:

38 crews, 159 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:

Fire information officers conducted an impromptu community meeting with campers, people fishing, and residents, hosted at the Wishon Village Store.

Final aerial inspection by PG&E of high voltage power lines was completed today. No additional issues were identified. Lines with the exception of the Haas-Woodchuck were energized without issue. The Haas-Woodchuck will remain out until the command team gives the OK. This line travels north from Haas PH to Helms powerhouse (Wishon). This was an important mile stone in restoring power to the electrical power grid of California.

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 has continued to move at a slow rate through the Kennedy Grove area. Dozer lines are being completed along the forest road from Horse Camp toward the Deer Meadow Trail Head. Fire in the eastern section, north of Highway 180, moved into the Grizzly Creek Drainage. The fire was pushed up the drainage to the northwest by the prevailing southwest winds today. Structure defense preparation will begin around the Cedar Grove area tomorrow as a precaution.

Fire in the Converse Basin area continued to be active with uphill runs from the Kings River drainage moving toward Hoist Ridge. The protection put into place around the Boole Tree was very effective. Fire burned completely around the tree with no damage occurring. A dozer line has been put into place from the Kings River south toward Cherry Gap along Hoist Ridge.

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

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