



Rough Fire

August 30, 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: 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:

Crews in the northeast section will strengthen the line and continue to protect the community and structures in the Wishon area. In conjunction with the burn operation, crews will begin mopping up along the Crown Valley Trail holding and securing the line. Smoke will continue to be prevalent and air quality will be impacted.

Firing operations are planned in the north and east sections of the fire. If conditions are favorable, firing operations will occur in the interior to fill in unburned areas to prevent large fire runs to the north and east. The Balch Camp area remains in mop and patrol.

The evacuation warning in Wishon will remain in effect while burning operations continue to the south. Visitors, community members and PG&E employees are being kept informed of the fire's status through daily meetings at 5 p.m. at Wishon Village.

Fire in the Converse Basin remains active, with uphill runs toward Hoist Ridge. Lines have been established and reinforced with retardant drops along the ridge. Jackpots of beetle-killed trees are exhibiting extreme fire behavior, causing spotting ahead of the fire.

Backfire operations started last night toward Buck Rock to remove fuel ahead of the fire and stop the southerly progress along the eastern front. Lines are being completed along the forest road from Horse Camp toward the Deer Meadow Trail Head as a contingency. Fire in the northeast is moving along the Grizzly Creek Drainage. Southwest winds will come into alignment with the drainage causing long runs into Little Tehiple Valley in the Monarch Wilderness. Structure defense preparation will begin around the Cedar Grove area today as a precaution.

The fire perimeter is being mapped using infrared-equipped aircraft. Infrared technology has the advantage of being able to "see" the fireline through smoke and darkness. The aircraft fly the fire at night when temperature contrasts make detecting the fireline easier and report the data back to the GIS (geographic information system) unit which overlays the data to maps. Fire commanders on the ground then use the maps to make decisions about tactics and effective placement of personnel and equipment.

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

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