



Rough Fire

August 30, 2015 - Evening

Closures & Advisories:

- Evacuation warning notices issued in the Wishon area are 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: 72,300 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:

The evacuation warning in Wishon remains in effect while burning operations continue to the south. Crews will strengthen the line and continue to protect the community and structures. With completion of 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.

Firefighters continue to limit damage to private land and other infrastructure including power generation utility infrastructure, transmission lines, power stations, communication towers, radio repeaters, Balch Camp and Black Rock Reservoir.

Evaluation of fireline rehabilitation and suppression needs are being made. The first locations being considered are south of Wishon and the contingency line near that area. The first actions are building effective water bars for erosion control. Without water bars, excessive runoff from rain and snowmelt will concentrate and cause gullies to form along suppression fire lines.

Fire in the Converse Basin remains active, with uphill runs toward Hoist Ridge. Firing operations continue near 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 established in 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 has begun around the Cedar Grove area as a precaution.

U.S. Forest Service mules from the Sierra National Forest have been assigned to the north side of the Rough Fire. The USFS has utilized pack strings since their inception over 100 years ago. Today, pack strings still work in our public lands to support fire crews, trail crews and other resource-related entities that perform their duties within roadless areas.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028