



# Rough Fire

August 31, 2015, Morning

## **Closures & Advisories:**

- Evacuation warning notices issued in the Wishon area are precautionary due to firing operations in the area
- Sierra National Forest closure order for the Rough Fire area remains in effect
- 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: 72300 acres

Containment: 25%

2121 Firefighters:

36 crews, 141 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:**

Heavy concentrations of smoke are expected near the fire today. Smoke is expected to settle into the Kings Canyon and low lying areas near the fire such as Hume Lake and Cedar Grove this evening, with Unhealthy to Very Unhealthy conditions expected.

Firefighters are evaluating opportunities for fire line rehabilitation and repairs. The primary locations being considered are along the contingency lines. The first suppression repair actions are to build water bars to prevent erosion from future water runoff and snowmelt.

The fire is expected to move toward the east and has reached Lewis Creek in the Monarch Wilderness. When wind and topography are in alignment the fire has the potential to make long runs north into Little Tehipite Valley in the northeast.

Firing operations last night were successful in the southwest portion reaching south toward Buck Rock. Firing continued in the Converse Valley until rising humidity levels prevented the fire from burning adequately.

Structure defense preparation continues around the Cedar Grove area as a precaution. This area has been staffed with highly qualified extremely effective crews used in a variety of fire operations including; basic suppression, extremely accurate fire behavior analysis, and other tactical predictive services.

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