



Rough Fire

September 1, 2015, Evening

Closures & Advisories:

- Sierra National Forest closure order for the Rough Fire area remains in effect
- The Hume Lake Ranger District, Jennie 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: 79,973 acres

Sierra National Forest: 47,954 ac.

Sequoia National Forest: 31,661 ac.

Kings Canyon National Park: 296 ac.

State Responsibility Area: 62 ac.

Containment: 25%

2017 Firefighters:

38 crews, 144 engines, 12 helicopters, 2 horses and 10 mules

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 Interagency Incident Management Team (SCSIIMT).

Summary:

Adverse winds in the fire area today prevented firefighters from conducting burn operations in the southeastern section. Crews continued to bolster the line north of Big Meadow in preparation for burn operations tonight.

The line along Hoist ridge has been completed with hose lines plumbed down to the Kings River. Aircraft continue to pretreat the line with retardant and water drops in preparation for firing operations once conditions permit.

The fire in the Monarch Wilderness has crossed into the Kings Canyon National Park. Fire is north of Cedar Grove, near Stag Dome. Crews are working to tie the fire together from the Kings River floor. Crews have completed structure protection by wrapping buildings and putting hose line in place in Cedar Grove as a precautionary measure.

The cooler weather continues to moderate fire behavior allowing fire crews to work on lines in all areas. Fire crews are continuing to monitor the north fork of the Kings River to prevent roll outs from igniting spot fires below the line. Helicopters were able to help fire line crews in the Sugarpine Hill area with suppression efforts. Fire suppression repair work is beginning as well.

The Sierra National Forest's High Sierra Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program crew has been assisting the Rough Fire by utilizing specialized equipment including 2 modified Jeeps and 2 ATVs to haul fire personnel and supplies along the fire lines. The crew has been able to transport fuel, hoses and pumps to drop points on the fire line. This saves time and energy for fire crews, allowing them to concentrate their energies on containment.

Wildland Firefighting Modules (WFM) are being used in the wilderness area inaccessible to vehicles. WFMs provide a unique skill of high operational self-sufficiency. WFMs have the capability to operate in any location with little to no need for additional supplies. WFMs carry backcountry camping equipment to sustain the crew for up to seven days at a time. In addition, WFMs also carry a varied array of technological equipment to generate or receive Incident Action Plans, document fire activity, and scan or print documents.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028