



Rough Fire

September 2, 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 is closed.

Open

- Parts of the Grant Grove and Wilsonia areas of Kings Canyon National Park are 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%

1901 Firefighters:

40 crews, 127 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:

The SCSIIMT (Cooper) will be transitioning to a Sierra National Forest Type Three Organization who will be assuming responsibility for the continuing fire suppression and support activities. In addition, a National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) will arrive during this transition.

Fire crews continue to gain ground on the fire in the Crown Valley trailhead area. Containment lines are being established in conjunction with mop up operations along the fire line. Fire suppression repair work is underway on some of the fire affected areas. This work will help with possible soil erosion in case of a water event.

The Wildland Fire Modules are finishing their backfiring operations in the John Muir Wilderness supported by a pack string of mules to limit helicopter flights in the wilderness. In addition, the High Sierra OHV crew continues to support fire personnel with deliveries and removal of hose and tools in difficult terrain.

Weather during the morning and early afternoon prevented firing operations from taking place in the south zone. Crews continued to reinforce lines in the Hoist Ridge and Buck Rock areas in preparation for burn operations tonight, weather permitting.

The fire has continued to push east along the north side of Highway 180. It is currently about two miles from Cedar Grove. Vulnerable structures in this area have been wrapped, and hose lines placed in preparation for the approaching fire. Crews are working to bring the fire north toward Stag Dome in an effort to keep it away from the lodge area.

With the Labor Day Weekend approaching, people are making plans for travel. Several of the campgrounds in the area are closed due to air quality. The air quality report can be viewed on [Inci-web](#). Tomorrow's air quality is expected to be similar to today. There are other recreational opportunities available. Check with the Forest Service office in the area you are considering traveling. Campgrounds can be reserved [online](#) at www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028