



Rough Fire

September 3, 2015, Morning

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: 81,549 acres

Containment: 25%

1901 Firefighters:

36 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:

There will be a Rough Fire Recovery Event today hosted by the Red Cross today for all permanent resident evacuees of Cedar Grove and Balch Camp. For further information please contact: Katrina.Poitras@redcross.org (559)515-3974, 1300 W. Shaw Ave. #4B, Fresno, Ca. 93711.

Labor Day is just a few days away and plans for the holiday are being made. Several of the campgrounds in the area are closed due to air quality. Air quality reports are available on inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4456/. There are other recreational opportunities available. Check with the Forest Service office in the area you are considering visiting. Campgrounds can be reserved [online](http://www.recreation.gov) at www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

There will be fire apparatus on the roads, and fire crews working on the fire. Please keep an eye out for the fire crews. Seat belt up, drive slowly, and put cell phones where they will not distract you.

Overnight burn operations in the southeast section of the fire were successful in pulling fire from Deer Meadow south to Big Meadows Road. Crews are working to tie this section west toward Buck Rock where burn operations took place yesterday.

The fire continued to push east yesterday along the north side of Highway 180. Progression was slowed overnight by the cool weather and higher humidity. 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.

Firefighters were able to proceed with burn operations in the Converse Basin area last night, successfully burning from Converse Mountain west to Hoist Ridge. Crews were able to obtain 600 to 800 feet of depth from the line into the fire area further securing lines in this area.

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.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028