



# Rough Fire

## September 3, 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: 83,464 acres

Sierra National Forest: 48,664 ac.

Sequoia National Forest: 34,274 ac.

Kings Canyon National Park: 464 ac.

State Responsibility Area: 62 ac.

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:**

Today a Sierra National Forest Type 3 organization shadowed SCSIIMT(Cooper) completing the transition process. They will assume responsibility for the North Zone of the Rough Fire at 0600 on Friday, September 4th. John Goss from the Sierra NF will be the Incident Commander.

The Rocky Mountain Interagency Incident Management Type 1 Team (RMIIMT) Incident Commander Todd Pechota met with California Interagency Incident Management Team 3 (CIIMT3) Incident Commander Mark von Tillow and his team today in preparation of assuming command of the south zone at 0600 on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. They will shadow the current team Friday to ensure a smooth transition of the fire objectives.

The southeast section of the fire in the Little Boulder Grove area experienced a few active runs of fire as winds came into alignment with the drainages. These runs pushed back into the burn area causing no threat to the current perimeter. Firefighters continued burning west toward Buck Rock, north of Big Meadow Road. Crews are achieving good depth from the road to the burn.

The fire slowed its eastward movement along Highway 180 toward Cedar Grove and has remained west of Lewis Creek. Vulnerable structures in this area have been wrapped, and hose lines placed in preparation for the approaching fire.

Firefighters are continuing burn operations in the Converse Basin. They are now moving north along Hoist Ridge and making their way toward Kings River. 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 [California Conservation Corps](#) (CCC) is a work development program specifically for men and women between the ages of 18-25, or up to 29 for veterans. Functions include organizing fire camp, cleaning, packing lunches, and recycling cans and bottles. The CCC has a mission with fire protection, and the Rough Fire camps have benefited greatly from their involvement.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028