



# Rough Fire

## September 4, 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: 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%

1902 Firefighters:

36 crews, 125 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 the Sierra National Forest Type 3 Incident Management Team.

### **Summary:**

Today, at 0600 hours, a Sierra National Forest Type 3 organization assumed responsibility of the North Zone from SCSIIIMT (Cooper). John Goss from the Sierra NF is now the Incident Commander. This team will be working with a National Incident Management Organization (NIMO).

The Rocky Mountain Interagency Incident Management Type 1 Team (Pechota) will be shadowing California Interagency Incident Management Team 3 (von Tillow) and his team today in preparation for assuming command of the South Zone at 0600 tomorrow morning, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Firefighters in the Boulder Grove Trail Head area continued burning west toward Buck Rock, north of Big Meadow Road. Crews are achieving good depth of about 500 feet from the road to the burn. Firefighters have also brought fire east from Buck Rock along the dozer line. The objective is to bring these two sections together to secure the southern flank of this section.

The fire slowed its eastward movement along Highway 180 toward Cedar Grove and has remained west of Lewis Creek. It is expected to change directions once it reaches Lewis Creek and follow the drainage to the northeast. 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.

Cooler weather is allowing fire crews to use pre-determined lines to control the fire. Crews have been able to fortify existing containment lines in the Crown Valley Trailhead area. Fire crews in the John Muir Wilderness continue to be supported by pack mules to limit wilderness impacts as they accomplish their tasks during the next few days.

Containment lines from Balch Camp to Wishon continue to be monitored. On the west side of the fire, hose is being pulled in order to continue repair work.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028