



# Rough Fire

September 5, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

## 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: 85,894 acres

Containment: 25%

### 2038 Firefighters:

41 crews, 132 engines, 12 helicopters, 2 horses and 10 mules, and overhead personnel.

### 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: Rocky Mountain Type 1 Incident Management Team (RMIM1T) and the Sierra National Forest Type 3 Incident Management Team.

**Please note, as of today, evening updates will be discontinued due to current status of the fire. Morning updates will continue, as will updates throughout the day on Inciweb.**

## Summary:

At 0600 this morning, the Rocky Mountain Type 1 Incident Management Team (RMIMT1), Incident Commander Todd Pechota, assumed command of the South Zone.

Firing operations from Landslide down to Buck Rock are complete. Firefighters are in a patrol and mop up status along this line. The operation moving east from Buck Rock has made it to the Big Meadows Road, southeast of Little Boulder Grove Trailhead. Crews are continuing firing operations south from Deer Meadow toward Big Meadows Road. These two sections connected overnight.

Fire has slowly spread over Stag Dome into the Kings Canyon National Park. Fire spread is approximately 1 1/2 miles northwest of Cedar Grove and is expected to progress northeast. Winds and topography are in alignment to cause the fire to advance north to Kennedy Mountain.

Burn operations continued in Converse Basin. They have moved north along Hoist Ridge toward Kings River. Crews have been able to obtain 600 to 800 feet of depth from the line into the fire area, further securing lines in this area. Helicopters and airplanes continue to reinforce the line with water and retardant drops. Aerial firing operations are planned today, weather permitting.

As fire containment proves successful along the northern and western flanks of the North Zone (Kirch Flat to Wishon), the focus is now shifting to fire suppression repair of the dozer and hand lines that were built to check the fire's forward progress. Resource Advisors (READS) are playing a critical role in identifying the immediate and future needs for repair of fire suppression impacts.

The pack string leaders, Debbie McDougald and John Sprik, have successfully completed three round trips to resupply the crews with four more trips planned. Each trip is seven miles one way. Supplies such as food, water and tools are off loaded to the module personnel, and refuse is hauled out. This helps reduce cost and risk by not using helicopter flights and sling loads, leaving as minimal a footprint on the wilderness as possible.

With the last holiday weekend of the summer upon us there is more traffic on the roads. Please be mindful of increased traffic and allow for extra time to get to your destination. Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day Weekend!

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028