



Rough Fire

September 6, 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: 31%

1967 Firefighters:

41 crews, 117 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 (RMIMT1) and the Sierra National Forest Type 3 Incident Management Team.

The Rocky Mountain IMT has a Facebook page dedicated to "Thank You" notes to the firefighters working on the fireline. Visit the page at <https://www.facebook.com/RockyMtn.Type1.IMT.PIOS>

Summary:

There are a lot of holiday travelers visiting Grant Grove and the Sequoia National Park this holiday weekend. Driving in an unfamiliar location can be a difficult task to begin with. With the addition of smoke, emergency equipment, and extra visitors, safe driving becomes even more important. Please drive with your headlights on, put cell phones in a location where they will not distract you, and drive slower than normal.

Fire reached the Lewis Creek Drainage yesterday and pushed northeast as expected. Crews providing structure protection around Cedar Grove began a burn operation around the Water Treatment facility and CCC camp to direct the fire around the structures. Additional crews will be assigned today to bolster the structure protection group should the fire progress east.

Firing operations in the Kennedy Grove, Evans Grove and Big Meadows areas have been completed. The line from Buck Rock east to Big Meadows Road and north into the Sheep Burn will continue to be reinforced, providing depth. Crews made it to interior roads in these areas to conduct burn operations for reinforcement yesterday.

The section around Hume Lake continues to hold strong. Crews assigned to this division are in a patrol and mop up status. This is to ensure that any remaining hot spots within the burn area do not make their way beyond the containment line.

Burn operations continued in Converse Basin. Aerial firing occurred during the afternoon hours yesterday along the line on Hoist Ridge. This operation is to straighten the fires edge which will provide better control as the fire advances toward the indirect containment line.

Firefighters continue to work on suppression repair north of the fire where contingency lines were needed from Black Rock Road north and above Teakettle Experimental Forest. Patrol and mop up continues along Kirch Flat toward Wishon. Crews in the John Muir Wilderness continue to monitor the area where burnout operations were completed.

As work nears completion in the John Muir Wilderness, the Mammoth Wildland Fire Module hiked out today after completing their assignment. The pack string will assist them as they haul out their gear.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028