



Rough Fire

September 7, 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: 95,183 acres

- Sequoia Kings Canyon National Park: 2,151 ac.
- Sequoia National Forest: 37,231 ac.
- Sierra National Forest: 49,777 ac.
- State Responsibility area: 63 ac.

Containment: 31%

1940 Firefighters:

48 crews, 120 engines, 12 helicopters, and overhead personnel.

Location:

Kings River Drainage, 5 miles North of Hume Lake and 2.5 miles southwest of Spanish Mountain; 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:

With the holiday weekend wrapping up please use caution driving in and around the area. Safe driving becomes more important due to the addition of smoke, emergency equipment, and extra visitors. Please drive with your headlights on, put cell phones in a location where they will not distract you, and drive slower than normal.

Yesterday firefighters were able to conduct a burn out along Hoist Ridge carrying the fire down to within a few hundred feet of the Kings River. The consistent wind conditions and prior preparation of checklines made that operation a success. The lines moving east along Highway 180 and around Hume Lake are looking very good with significant depth (500-600 ft) to them.

The combination of burn operations and increased fire activity on the east side, noted by the visible smoke columns, resulted in an increase in acreage as well as a few spot fires. Extensive resources were on scene to attack the spots yesterday and continued to monitor and work on them through the night.

Today, if conditions allow, aerial ignition will continue in conjunction with hand firing to strengthen the line along Hoist Ridge in the Converse Basin and extending it down to Kings River. Crews will continue to strengthen line around the perimeter of the fire and take precautionary actions around structures in the Cedar Grove area. Patrol and mop up will continue across all lines of the fire especially with the hotter and drier weather.

On the North Zone, stable weather is allowing forces to use pre-determined lines to control fire growth. Hotter, drier weather and increased winds may challenge holding operations. On the northwest side of the fire, control lines are being mopped up and monitored; gear and hose are being pulled off the line if not needed. Approximately 742 one-hundred foot rolls of hose totaling over 14 miles have been untangled, rolled and stacked by the California Conservation Corps.

The Sierra Hotshots will be hiking out of the John Muir Wilderness today. The Sierra NF pack string will continue to haul out gear from Johnson Cow Camp to the Crown Valley Trailhead over the next few days. Forest Service packers will be on horseback monitoring the line established in the John Muir Wilderness.

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

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Fire Information 559-332-2028