



Rough Fire

September 10, 2015, 10:00 p.m.

Closures & Advisories:

- For more information on the Sierra National Forest closure orders <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra/>
- For more information on the Sequoia National Forest closure orders <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia/>
- For more information about the Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyon National Park <http://www.nps.gov/seki/index.htm>
- For more information about the mandatory evacuations <http://www.fresnosheriff.org/>

All access to Highway 180 east of Dunlap Road is closed.

The Red Cross Shelter at Sanger is now open. For more information, call (559) 515-3974.

Please see [InciWeb](#) for more specific details.

Fire Size Today: 110,134 acres

- Sequoia Kings Canyon National Park: 7,715 ac.
- Sequoia National Forest: 36,830 ac.
- Sierra National Forest: 65,280 ac.
- State Responsibility area: 175 ac.

Containment: 29%

2,229 Firefighters:

59 crews, 142 engines, 14 helicopters, 18 dozers 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:

Spread will continue to the west and south within the vicinity of the Kings River and Mill Creek drainages. Structure protection is in place for the Chicago Stump and Grant Grove areas.

Burnout operations continued along Highway 180 from Indian Basin south toward Cherry Gap and will continue throughout the night as crews work into the northwest portion of Grants Grove.

Additional crews are working on containment lines south of Grants Grove continuing west and tying into existing lines at McKenzie Ridge.

Air resources dropped 25 loads of fire retardant (roughly 70,000 gallons) along the western edge of the fire near Verplank Ridge. Smoke may limit air support tomorrow.

Dry fuels, beetle killed trees, high temperatures, and low relative humidity are contributing to active fire behavior. These conditions exist in steep inaccessible terrain with numerous snags that are making suppression efforts challenging while causing safety concerns for firefighters. Numerous areas are under mandatory evacuations.

The eastern portion of the fire remains active near Cedar Grove and the fire will continue to spread to the east/northeast. Crews may conduct burnout operations to protect structures and to keep the fire north of Hwy 180.

The southeast portion of the fire remains active as interior islands burn out. Fire resources continue to be successful securing fireline in that location.

Containment lines have been completed in the north/northwest portion of the fire. Interior pockets continue to burn. Focus will shift to the western edge of the fire as crews work to bolster contingency lines. Crews along the northwestern portion are working on contingency actions to protect values at risk north of the Kings River based on the potential of fire to move up from the south.

Suppression repair efforts will continue on the north portions of the fire.

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

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