



# Rough Fire

September 11, 2015, 8:00 a.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/>

**Additional evacuation notices went into effect this morning at 6:00 a.m. See InciWeb for complete details.**

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

**Dunlap School and DLA will be temporarily closed beginning today. Click here to learn more.**

Fire Size Today: 119,069 acres

Containment: 29%

2,229 Firefighters:

59 crews, 143 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:

Crews were successful in conducting burnout operations along Highway 180 through Cherry Gap into the northern section of Grants Grove. Containment lines reached 400 to 500 feet wide in some places.

Burnout operations will continue from the northwest portion of Grants Grove west towards McKenzie Ridge. These actions will help reduce the risk of unwanted fire spread towards Hwy 180 to the south.

Crews are also constructing containment lines north of Grants Grove continuing west and tying into existing lines at McKenzie Ridge.

Air resources will continue to drop retardant on the western edge of Verplank Ridge and provide support where needed. Smoke may limit air support.

Fire spread will continue west down Kings River and south/southwest up the Mill Creek drainage towards Sampson Flats. 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.

Fire behavior has moderated in the southeast portion of the fire, allowing available resources to be reassigned to more active areas on the fire.

North Zone fire crews are reopening and adding contingency lines north of the Kings River. A hand crew opened up a contingency line just north of Kirch Flat along the 12S002 Road. A dozer crew is starting to build contingency line on a ridge just south of Fence Meadow lookout that will connect with 11S002A Road below Balch Camp. A third contingency line is being scouted between Fence Meadow lookout and Indian Rock.

The North Zone Incident Commander and Sierra National Forest officials are considering additional forest closure orders on the west side of the fire.

A night shift will be added tonight for fire crews working along the Kings River. Two engine strike teams (10 engines) and a 40-person hand crew are some of the resources being added to this division.

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

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