



# Rough Fire

September 12, 2015, 9:00 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, visit <http://www.fresnosheriff.org/>

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

Fire Size Today: 128,796 acres

Containment: 29%

2,570 incident personnel:

60 crews, 164 engines, 14 helicopters, 23 dozers.

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: South Zone: Rocky Mountain Type 1 Incident Management Team (RMIMT1) and Cal Fire North Zone: 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:

The Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team, led by Todd Pechota, will be timing out and will be replaced by California IMT 4 with Rocky Opliger as Incident Commander. Today CIMT4 will be shadowing the RMIMT to provide for a smooth transition when they assume command at 6 am tomorrow.

Weather is expected to be hot and dry again today with low humidity. The inversion layer is expected to lift in the late morning leading to a possible increase in fire activity. Firefighters will need to watch for spot fires again today as spotting could be up to 1/2 mile.

The fire moved very little in the southeastern portion last night and fire activity lessened in the Cedar Grove area. Both yesterday and overnight, firefighters performed burnout operations in the Grant Grove area and south towards Sequoia Lake and along portions of McKenzie Ridge. The fire moved quickly towards McKenzie Ridge yesterday and crews performed firing operations along the ridge in an effort to strengthen containment lines. Six air tankers made numerous retardant drops along the ridge and around structures yesterday.

Firefighters will continue firing operations along McKenzie Ridge today as conditions allow. Structure protection and preparation will still take place near the Hwy 180 corridor.

On the portion of the fire, a dozer crew and hand crew have almost completed contingency line on a ridge just south of Fence Meadow lookout that connects with 11S002A Road below Balch Camp. Another contingency line is being scouted west of Fence Meadow Lookout towards Bob's Flat down to Trimmer.

Crews will continue to work on completing contingency lines on the fire's western edge in anticipation of receiving fire from the south. A camp has been established for the crews working on the west contingency lines.

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

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