



Rough Fire

September 12, 2015, 8:00 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/>
- *The Fresno County Sheriff issued an additional evacuation warning for the area along Hopewell Road north of Highway 180 and east to the Sequoia National Forest Boundary.*

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

Fire Size Today: 128,796 acres
 Sequoia National Forest 48,945 acres
 Sierra National Forest 71,905 acres
 Kings Canyon National Park 7,752 acres
 Other 194 acres

Containment: 29%

2,961 incident personnel:
 67 crews, 156 engines, 20 helicopters, 42 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, and Cal Fire IMT 2 with Glenn Paterson as Incident Commander. Today they shadowed the RMIMT to provide for a smooth transition when they assume command at 6 a.m. tomorrow.

Firefighters strategically conducted firing operations last night along the west side of Highway 180 to bring fire just north of Grant Grove. Additional burnout operations occurred along the fireline approximately 1 mile north of Sequoia Lake. Some spot fires were discovered south of the line and firefighter efforts limited their growth to 25 acres.

Crews fired along McKenzie Ridge today and brought fire to a location approximately 1 1/2 miles south of Delilah Lookout in order to keep the fire north of Highway 180. A large plume was seen this afternoon from Squaw Valley as the firing operation and main fire met. Crews will continue to fire along McKenzie Ridge moving north towards Pine Flat Reservoir as conditions allow. At the time of this update, the fire was making a run north and east of Delilah Lookout. Numerous air tankers were used on the fire today.

Tonight, firefighters will work to keep the fire from crossing the fireline in the area between Sequoia Lake and Delilah Lookout. Control lines will be well staffed.

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Firefighters today continued to construct contingency lines north of the Kings River in the Sacata, Fence Meadows, Sycamore and lower Rancheria Creek areas. Personnel will implement structure protection measures in the Balch Camp area in the event the need arises.

Firefighters are assessing communities and structures north of the Pine Flat Reservoir to finalize local structure protection plans. Fire behavior remains quiet overall throughout the North Zone fire area.

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

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