



Rough Fire Evening Update

Monday, September 14, 2015

Fire Information Line: 559-549-4837

Date Started: July 31, 2015 **Cause: Lightning** **Size: 139,133 acres** **Containment: 40%**
Structures Destroyed: 3 **Firefighter injuries to date: 7** **Total Personnel: 3,741**
Fire Resources: 94 crews, 345 engines, 19 helicopters, 45 bulldozers, 80 water tenders

SOUTH ZONE **Zone specific Fire Information is available at (559) 549-4837**

The weather today provided the advantage of light precipitation for firefighters on the ground to help extinguish heat along the perimeter of the fire. Falling operations of hazard trees also took place in areas that require crews to continue working while extinguishing hot spots. Fire weakened trees will be a hazard in the fire area in the future and must be assessed before placing firefighters in those locations. Several sections of fireline in the South Zone have gone into patrol status and are no longer considered a major threat to crossing such existing lines. Patrol status is a term that refers to monitoring and keeping watch of the fire without having to engage in heavy suppression efforts.

WEST ZONE **Zone specific Fire Information is available at (925) 519-6303**

The fire continues to burn toward Pine Flat Reservoir and the Kings River but slowed with the weather. Firefighters took advantage of the cooler temperatures and moist conditions by going direct on areas that were previously not safe due to the fire behavior. A contingency line has been put in and will be improved overnight. Firefighters will continue to improve existing control lines, make direct attack and mop up throughout the evening. Cooler weather is predicted for the next few days and firefighters will take advantage of the favorable conditions to make up ground on the fire.

NORTH ZONE **Zone specific Fire Information is available at (559) 841-6248**

Resource advisors are providing assistance in directing suppression repair activities in the Rogers Ridge area on the north side of the fire. Resource advisors are responsible for identifying and evaluating potential impacts and benefits of fire operations (wildland or prescribed fire) on natural and cultural resources. With a weak low pressure system over the area, lower temperatures and higher relative humidity helped moderate fire activity. A crew of hotshots and several engines will continue working a night shift in the Kings River Corridor, west of Bailey Ridge.

Rough Fire Information can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4456/>

For more information on the:

Sierra National Forest Closure Orders: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra/>

Sequoia National Forest Closure Orders: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia/>

Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyon National Park: <http://www.nps.gov/seki/index.htm>

Evacuation Notices: <http://www.fresnosheriff.org/>