



# Sierra National Forest



For Immediate Release  
Date: September 14, 2017

**Railroad Fire**                    **Location:** Highway 41 between the communities of Sugar Pine and Fish Camp

<b>Acres Burned:</b>	12,407	<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	0
<b>Containment:</b>	98%	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	17
<b>Fire Started:</b>	August 29, 2017	<b>Injuries:</b>	6
<b>Cause:</b>	Under investigation		
<b>Total personnel assigned to the fire: 463</b>			

### Summary

The Railroad Fire transitioned to a Sierra National Forest Type 3 management organization this morning at 6:00 AM.

Crews will continue fire line suppression repair and mop-up on all parts of the fire. Resource Advisors from the Forest Service identified the extent of suppression repair needed. Those repairs can vary depending upon the intended use of the affected area after the fire. The fire continues to cool, but some areas may still produce smoke for several more days.

The Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team continues there survey of the burn area.

Firefighting resources, such as engines and crews, continue to be released from the Railroad Fire. The public is reminded that a lot of firefighting equipment will be traveling on local roads going into the Railroad Fire area and others will be leaving the community heading to other incidents.

With Highway 41 open, drivers are urged to drive with caution as a large firefighting presence remains along the highway, residential streets and Forest roads. CalTrans does have parking restrictions in place along the highway due to fire crews still performing suppression repair work. Travelers can expect to see smoke within the fire area as interior islands, and heavy down material smolder.

The Sierra National Forest Closure Order remains in place for the area impacted by the Railroad Fire. The full Forest Closure Order and map can be viewed at [www.fs.usda.gov/sierra/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra/)

This will be the final update from the South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team. The Sierra National Forest may send future fire updates as needed if significate changes occur.

### South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team

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