



FERGUSON FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 7/17/2018 Time: 7:00 a.m.

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INCIDENT FACTS

Incident Start Date: 7/13/2018		Incident Start Time: 9:36 p.m.	
Incident Type: Vegetation Fire		Cause: Under Investigation	
Incident Location: Merced River Canyon			
CAL FIRE Unit: Madera-Mariposa-Merced Unit			
Unified Command Agencies: CAL FIRE, US Forest Service, Mariposa County Sheriff			
Size: 12,525 acres	Containment: 5%	Expected Full Containment: Unknown	
Civilian Injuries: 0		Firefighter Injuries: 0	
Civilian Fatalities: 0		Firefighter Fatalities: 1	
Structures Threatened: 108	Structures Destroyed: 0	Structures Damaged: 0	

CURRENT SITUATION

Situation Summary:	<p>Residences and businesses in the State Route 140 corridor continue to be impacted. As the fire continues to move East and South, it will continue to threaten residences in the Jerseydale, Mariposa Pines, Clearing House and Incline areas. Fire crews are fighting the fire aggressively. Very steep terrain makes it difficult to insert crews in certain areas of the fire. Management Action Points have been established to provide the highest level of protection to both the public and firefighters and other emergency responders. The closure of State Route 140 at Mariposa continues to close the Western entrance to Yosemite National Park.</p> <p>Power lines that provide electric service to the Yosemite Valley were re-energized today restoring some service East of the fire including Yosemite National Park.</p> <p>The fire continues to spread South and East toward Jerseydale, Mariposa Pines, and Yosemite West.</p> <p>Aircraft utilization has been limited due to a strong inversion layer. Instability will return to the area Wednesday with an increase in the potential for thunderstorms and outflow winds.</p>
Mandatory Evacuations:	<p>Mandatory Evacuations: Areas that are currently under a mandatory evacuation include: Incline Rd from Clearing House to the last BLM campground; Jerseydale/ Mariposa Pines; Cedar Lodge/ Indian Flat Campground, Savage's Trading Post and Sweetwater Ridge.</p> <p>Incline Rd from Clearing House to the Foresta Bridge</p>

Evacuation Advisory:	Evacuation Advisory: This is NOT an Evacuation Order. This is an advisement only of a potential Evacuation Order should conditions change. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yosemite West • Lushmeadows Community • Ponderosa Basin Community • Triangle Rd from Jerseydale Rd to Hwy 49 South including all side roads. • Darrah Rd from Triangle to Sherrod Rd • East side of Hwy 49S from Darrah Rd to Harris Rd- This includes Boyer Rd, Woodland Area, Wass Rd, Tip Top Rd • National Park Service El Portal Complex • Rancheria Flat- Government Housing • El Portal Trailer Court • Old El Portal 			
Evacuation Center(s):	New Life Christian Fellowship: 5089 Cole Rd, Mariposa, CA 95338			
Road Closures:	Highway 140 is closed from Abbie Rd in El Portal to 14 miles north of Mariposa. Incline Rd, River Road from Briceburg to the gate at Railroad Flat and all Campground areas closed. Hites Cove / Jerseydale Rd.			
Animal Evac. Center(s):	Small Animal Shelter: SPCA of Mariposa County: 5599 CA-49, Mariposa, CA 95338 Large Animal Shelter: Mariposa County Fairgrounds: 5007 Fairgrounds Rd, Mariposa, CA 95338			
ASSIGNED RESOURCES				
Engines: 118	Water Tenders: 5	Helicopters: 4	Hand Crews: 39	Dozers: 16
Total Personnel: 1486				
Air Tankers:	Numerous firefighting air tankers from throughout the State are flying fire suppression missions as conditions allow.			
Cooperating Agencies: Mariposa County Sheriff's Office; CAL OES; California Highway Patrol; CALTRANS; California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; American Red Cross; National Weather Service; California Conservation Corps; BLM, and additional agencies throughout the state				

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