



FERGUSON FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 7/17/2018 Time: 7:00 p.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			
Unified Command Agencies: CAL FIRE, US Forest Service, Mariposa County Sheriff			
Size: 13,082 acres	Containment: 5%	Expected Full Containment: Unknown	
Civilian Injuries: 0		Firefighter Injuries: 2	
Civilian Fatalities: 0		Firefighter Fatalities: 1	
Structures Threatened: 108	Structures Destroyed: 0	Structures Damaged: 0	

CURRENT SITUATION

Situation Summary:	<p>Today Firefighters continued to focus on structure protection in the areas around El Portal, Yosemite West, and Jerseydale/Mariposa Pines. They successfully kept the fire on the South side of the Merced River and Highway 140. The fire grew primarily to the South and East, with the majority of the growth occurring in the late afternoon as the inversion lifted. The fire continues to back down Ferguson Ridge, into the Sweetwater Creek drainage, and behind Cedar Lodge. Crews are working 24 hours a day to scout and build firelines in places with the greatest probability of success.</p> <p>With a high-pressure system firmly in place over the West, smoke dispersal was minimal, hampering firefighting aircraft until late afternoon. Hot, dry conditions and steep terrain will continue to challenge firefighters. Currently no structures have been reported damaged or destroyed in the Ferguson Fire.</p> <p>Power has been interrupted to residences and businesses along the El Portal area and Yosemite West area.</p>
Mandatory Evacuations:	<p>Mandatory Evacuations: Areas that are currently under a mandatory evacuation include: Incline Rd from Foresta Bridge to the last BLM campground; Jerseydale/Mariposa Pines; Cedar Lodge/ Indian Flat Campground, Savage's Trading Post and Sweetwater Ridge.</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 1.5 miles North of Midpines. 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: 158	Water Tenders: 5	Helicopters: 5	Hand Crews: 44	Dozers: 16
Total Personnel: 1850				
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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