



FERGUSON FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 7/19/2018 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			
Unified Command Agencies: CAL FIRE, US Forest Service, Mariposa County Sheriff, Yosemite National Park			
Size: 21,041 acres	Containment: 7%	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>The fire showed moderate growth overnight. Crews worked late to strengthen line around Jerseydale, along Sweetwater Ridge, and to complete containment lines along Highway 140 at Cold Canyon. The fire continued to back West into Sweetwater Creek, North onto Ferguson Ridge, and north toward Highway 140. It backed toward Jerseydale, slowly consuming hazardous fuels. As of 6:00 A.M. on July 19, no structures have been damaged or destroyed by the Ferguson Fire.</p> <p>Today, crews will continue to build and improve “indirect” lines (containment lines placed ahead of the fires active edge) along Sweetwater Ridge and from Highway 140 Southeast to the Wawona Road (continuation of Highway 41 in Yosemite National Park) along Henness Ridge. They will again be present in the community of Jerseydale/ Mariposa Pines, working on indirect lines to protect the community.</p> <p>The chance of thunderstorms is predicted to increase today. Thunderstorms can produce erratic winds, causing the fire to change direction quickly and unexpectedly. This is especially dangerous for firefighters working on constructing indirect containment lines as a sudden shift in wind can cause fuel between them and the fireline to burn.</p> <p>Yosemite National Park remains open. For information on Yosemite National Park, go to nps.gov/yose or call 209-372-0200.</p>
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Mandatory Evacuations:	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.			
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 West 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: 166	Water Tenders: 21	Helicopters: 18	Hand Crews: 55	Dozers: 29
Total Personnel: 2149				
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; Bureau of Land Management, and additional agencies throughout the state.				

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