



Ferguson Fire Update

July 21, 2018 / 7 PM Update

Ferguson Fire Info Line: (530) 377-6221

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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	
Unified Command Agencies: US Forest Service, CALFIRE, Mariposa County Sheriff			
Incident Location: Merced River Canyon		Structures threatened: 216	
Size: 29,045 acres	Containment: 6%	Expected Full Containment: Unknown	
Civilian Injuries: 0		Firefighter Injuries: 4	
Civilian Fatalities: 0		Firefighter Fatalities: 1	

Engines: 204 **Water Tenders:** 38 **Helicopters:** 17 **Crews:** 72 **Dozers:** 42 **Total Personnel:** 2,903

The Ferguson Fire grew more than 1,900 acres throughout the day after the inversion layer lifted . Most of the activity was on the north flank of the fire.

Most of the increased acreage was north of Highway 140 near Ned’s Gulch where the fire had spotted over the day prior. Both air and ground resources engaged the new fires early but were unable to make headway in the steep, rugged terrain. The portion of the fire north of the river will remain active through the night while heavy dead and down vegetation continues to burn.

Firefighters will continue to scout areas of the fire tonight to assess handline options directly on the fires edge and areas for indirect line construction where access is difficult. Crews continued to make progress on building line from El Portal southeast to the Wawona Road and much of the line is complete and lined with hose lays in preparation for tactical firing operations.

Along the western edge of the Ferguson Fire, firefighters continued to hold the line around Jerseydale and made progress mopping up some of the remaining hot spots and smoldering embers in that area and will continue to do so. Skelton Creek on the southeast flank of the fire was active today and indirect line options are being scouted.

Yosemite National Park remains open. For information on Yosemite National Park, go to: nps.gov/yose or call 209-372-0200

Mandatory Evacuations: Areas that are currently under a mandatory evacuation include:

- Incline Road from Foresta Bridge to the last BLM campground
- Jerseydale/ Mariposa Pines
- Cedar Lodge/ Indian Flat Campground
- Savage’s Trading Post
- Sweetwater Ridge
- El Portal Trailer Court
- Rancheria Flat - Government Housing
- Old El Portal
- Yosemite View Lodge
- Foresta
- Yosemite West
- Anderson Valley

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Advisory Evacuations: This is NOT an Evacuation Order. This is an advisement only of a potential Evacuation Order should conditions change.

- Lushmeadows Community
- Ponderosa Basin Community
- Triangle Rd. from Jeresydale Rd. to Highway 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., Foresta Rd., Anderson Valley Rd.

Evacuation Center(s): New Life Christian Fellowship: 5089 Cole Rd, Mariposa, CA 95338.

Road Closures: Highway 140 is closed from the entrance of Yosemite National Park to 1.5 miles West of Midpines. Incline Road, River Road from Briceburg to the gate at Railroad Flat and all Campground areas along Highway 140 closed. Hites Cove / Jerseydale Road, Foresta Road, and Anderson Valley Road.

Animal Shelters: Small animals: SPCA of Mariposa County 5599 California 49, Mariposa, CA 95338
Large animals 5007 Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa, CA 95338.