



# Ferguson Fire Update

July 24, 2018 / 7 PM Update

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## INCIDENT FACTS

<b>Incident Start Date:</b> 7/13/2018		<b>Incident Start Time:</b> 9:36 p.m.
<b>Incident Type:</b> Vegetation Fire		<b>Cause:</b> Under Investigation
<b>Unified Command Agencies:</b> U.S. Forest Service, CALFIRE, Mariposa County Sheriff		
<b>Incident Location:</b> Merced River Canyon		<b>Structures threatened:</b> 3,494
<b>Size:</b> 37,795 acres	<b>Containment:</b> 26%	<b>Expected Full Containment:</b> Unknown
<b>Civilian Injuries:</b> 0		<b>Firefighter Injuries:</b> 6
<b>Civilian Fatalities:</b> 0		<b>Firefighter Fatalities:</b> 1

**Engines:** 220 **Water Tenders:** 47 **Helicopters:** 16 **Crews:** 88 **Dozers:** 59 **Total Personnel:** 3,434

The Ferguson Fire was relatively calm throughout much of the area Tuesday. A heavy inversion layer kept fire activity to a minimum. The fire grew 1,693 acres to a total of 37,795 acres at 26 percent containment.

North of the Merced River on the Stanislaus National Forest, firefighters constructed indirect containment lines up Soapstone Ridge, opening old roads near the burn scar of the 2013 Rim Fire. Crews strengthened and improved containment lines east toward Eagle Peak and down to El Portal.

Along the eastern edge of the fire, crews were successful initiating strategic firing operations to remove unburned vegetation between containment lines and the fire. Crews also evaluated structures for defensible space.

South of the Merced River on the Sierra National Forest, containment lines were secured from Jerseydale across to Wawona Campground. Crews will continue planning strategic firing operations to help build a wider buffer to stop the fire's spread.

**Yosemite National Park closure:** Yosemite National Park officials announced [closures](#) to the Yosemite Valley and Wawona areas, as well as the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, effective noon on Wednesday, July 25. With the ongoing closure of Highway 140, visitors can exit the park using Highways 120 and 41. For information on Yosemite National Park, go to: [nps.gov/yose](http://nps.gov/yose) or call 209-372-0200.

**Repopulation:** Mariposa County law enforcement began incremental repopulation of the Jerseydale and Mariposa Pines communities this evening.

**Community Meetings:** Representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, CAL FIRE and Mariposa County Sheriff's Office will present an overview of the current situation and containment efforts at two upcoming community meetings:

- **Greeley Hill:** 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, at the Greeley Hill Community Center.

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

- Incline Road from Foresta Bridge to the last BLM campground
- Jerseydale Road from lower Best to Triangle Roads
- 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
- Old Yosemite Road

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

- Jerseydale Road from Best Road to the end of Hites Cove Road.
- Lushmeadows Community
- Ponderosa Basin Community
- Triangle Road from Jerseydale Road to Highway 49 South, including all side roads.
- Darrah Road from Triangle to Sherrod Road.
- East side of Highway 49 South from Darrah Road to Harris Road. This includes Boyer Road, Woodland Area, Wass Road, Tip Top Road.

**Evacuation Center(s): New Life Christian Fellowship:** 5089 Cole Road, 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, Anderson Valley Road and Old Yosemite Road.

**Animal Shelters:**

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

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