



# Ferguson Fire Update

July 25, 2018 / 7 AM 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> 38,522 acres	<b>Containment:</b> 25%	<b>Expected Full Containment:</b> Unknown
<b>Civilian Injuries:</b> 0		<b>Firefighter Injuries:</b> 7
<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

**NEW MANDATORY EVACUATIONS:** Lushmeadows area: the north side of Triangle Road from Vista Lago to east Westfall and all side roads to the north; the north side of East Westfall to Old Mill and all side roads to the north.

The Ferguson Fire was relatively calm throughout much of Tuesday night and into this morning as a heavy inversion layer kept fire activity to a minimum. The fire grew by 727 acres overnight to a total of 38,522 acres. Containment is at 25 percent.

Firefighters continued with strategic firing operations along the southern perimeter of the fire to build a wider containment buffer. Crews patrolled the Jerseydale and Mariposa Pines communities as law enforcement continued to incrementally repopulate the area after mandatory evacuations.

No significant growth occurred along the fire’s western perimeter overnight. Winds from the west and northwest today are expected to keep the fire from challenging this perimeter, allowing crews to continue strengthening its containment line.

While steep and dense terrain made direct assault on the fire’s northern perimeter impractical, crews continued construction of indirect containment lines from the Merced River north along Soapstone Ridge and toward Pilot Ridge.

Minimal growth occurred along the eastern perimeter of the fire. Retardant drops Tuesday provided crews a temporary buffer for firing operations to add and strengthen containment lines. Crews also patrolled structures for site protection and defensible space.

**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](https://nps.gov/yose) or call 209-372-0200.

**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 6 p.m. today 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
- Lushmeadows Community

**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
- 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 and 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.

Triangle Road from Vista Lago to east Westfall and all side roads to the north; the north side of East Westfall to Old Mill and all side roads to the north.

Wawona Road (Highway 41) between Chilnualna Falls Road in Wawona and Bridalveil Falls Road in Yosemite Valley will be closed beginning at noon today.

**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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