



Ferguson Fire Update

July 28, 2018 / 7 AM Update

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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: U.S. Forest Service, CALFIRE, Mariposa County Sheriff		
Incident Location: Merced River Canyon		Structures threatened: 5,245 Damaged/Destroyed: 0/1
Size: 49,619 acres	Containment: 29%	Expected Full Containment: Aug. 15, 2018
Civilian Injuries: 0		Firefighter Injuries: 7
Civilian Fatalities: 0		Firefighter Fatalities: 1

Engines: 282 Water Tenders: 46 Helicopters: 16 Crews: 92 Dozers: 81 Total Personnel: 3,898

Firefighters worked through the night extending and strengthening containment lines, while also monitoring a small fire that jumped a line Friday afternoon about 2 miles southwest of El Portal along the Ferguson Fire’s northeast perimeter. While the slopped over fire only amounted to about 3 to 5 acres, overall the Ferguson Fire grew 2,944 acres overnight for a total of 49,619 acres as of 6 a.m. Containment is at 29 percent.

Because of low nighttime visibility and dense fuels, crews were only able to monitor the spot fire, which stayed relatively calm throughout the night. Firefighters will more directly attack the fire today. The incident was the result of swirling winds.

Crews also prepared the area for a tactical firing operation to create a containment line along Hennes Ridge southeast to Highway 41. Further east, crews worked to link contingency containment lines between the burn scars from the 2017 Empire and South Fork Fires.

Along the northern perimeter, firefighters worked on a new containment line that shrunk the amount of available fuel for the fire.

To the south, firefighters secured containment lines around a fire that had jumped the line a few days earlier. Residents of Lush Meadows were allowed back in their homes Friday evening after. Lush Meadows remains in a fire advisement, meaning evacuations are possible if conditions change.

Yosemite National Park closure: Yosemite National Park officials enacted [closures](#) Wednesday for the Yosemite Valley and Wawona areas, as well as the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. For information on Yosemite National Park, go to: nps.gov/yose or call 209-372-0200.

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Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/5927/> Email Updates (Sign-Up): <http://www.tinyurl.com/ferguson18>

Ferguson Fire Interactive Map: <https://tinyurl.com/FergusonInteractive>

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

- Anderson Valley
- Cedar Lodge/Indian Flat Campground
- East Westfall Road and all side roads
- El Portal Trailer Court
- Foresta
- Incline Road from Foresta Bridge to the last BLM campground
- Old El Portal
- Old Yosemite Road
- Ponderosa Basin Community
- Rancheria Flat – Government Housing
- Savage’s Trading Post
- Triangle Road from East Westfall to Highway 49 South, and all side roads
- Yosemite View Lodge
- Yosemite West

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

- Darrah Road from Triangle Road to Sherrod Road
- East side of Highway 49 South from Darrah Road to Triangle Road. This includes Boyer Road, Woodland Area, Wass Road and Tip Top Road.
- Lushmeadows subdivision
- Highway 49 South from Stumpfield Mountain Road to the Mariposa-Madera County Line, including Kemble Road, Stumpfield Mountain Road and Watt Road
- Triangle Road from Jerseydale Road to East Westfall.

Road Closures: Highway 140 is closed from the entrance of Yosemite National Park to 1.5 miles east of Midpines. Incline Road, River Road from Briceburg to the gate at Railroad Flat and all campground areas along Highway 140, Foresta Road, Anderson Valley Road, Summit Road and Old Yosemite Road are closed.

Triangle Road from Darrah Road to Highway 49 South; East Westfall Road.

Chowchilla Mountain Road at Highway 49 South, Harris Road at Highway 49 South, all roads inside the Lushmeadows subdivision, and all roads inside the Ponderosa Basin subdivision.

Wawona Road (Highway 41) between Chilnualna Falls Road in Wawona and Bridalveil Falls Road in Yosemite Valley.

Red Cross Shelters:

- Mariposa Elementary School, 5044 Jones St., Mariposa, CA 95338

Animal Shelters:

- **Small animals:** Mariposa Elementary School, 5044 Jones St., Mariposa, CA 95338
- **Large animals:** 5007 Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa, CA 95338

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