



Ferguson Fire Update

July 28, 2018 / 7 PM 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: 5,236 Damaged/Destroyed: 0/1
Size: 51,671 acres	Containment: 30%	Expected Full Containment: Aug. 15, 2018
Civilian Injuries: 0		Firefighter Injuries: 7
Civilian Fatalities: 0		Firefighter Fatalities: 1

Engines: 272 Water Tenders: 45 Helicopters: 16 Crews: 93 Dozers: 78 Total Personnel: 3,861

As firefighters work toward full suppression of the Ferguson Fire, tactical firing operations were conducted across three sides of the fire today to reduce fuel loads and widen containment lines. As of 6 p.m., the Ferguson Fire was at 51,671 acres, a growth of 2,052 acres from this morning. Containment is at 30 percent.

While residents might notice more smoke, tactical firing operations oftentimes reduce the duration and intensity of wildfires. Crews also maintain a presence within evacuated communities during these operations to ensure homes remain safe.

To the north along Montgomery Ridge, firefighters engaged in. In the east, crews fired a line from Henness Ridge southeast toward Highway 41/Wawona Road. And in the south, tactical firing continued off Footman Ridge toward Roundtree Saddle.

Firefighters completed containment lines and were mopping up a small fire 2 miles southwest of El Portal that had jumped a containment line Friday afternoon.

During tonight's shift, crews will continue firing operations around the fire where conditions allow.

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. The park is expected to reopen Aug. 3, conditions permitting. 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:

- 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
- Yosemite View Lodge
- Yosemite West

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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.

- Triangle Road from East Westfall to Highway 49 South and all side roads

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 East Westfall Road to Highway 49 South.

Chowchilla Mountain Road at Highway 49 South, Harris Road at Highway 49 South, 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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