

Ferguson Fire Update

July 29, 2018 / 7 AM Update

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INCIDENT FACTS

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| 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: 53,646 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, they maintained containment lines while using tactical firing operations throughout the night. The Ferguson Fire grew 1,975 acres overnight for a total of 53,646 acres as of 6 a.m. Containment is at 30 percent.

Conditions allowed firefighters to complete firing between Hennes Ridge southeast to Highway 41/Wawona Road. Further south, crews completed firing from Footman Ridge southeast to Roundtree Saddle. Along the western perimeter, firefighters fired off Soapstone Ridge east toward the fire.

Tactical firing is an effective way to reduce fuel loads while simultaneously widening or extending containment lines. It can reduce the duration and intensity of wildfires, particularly by robbing the fire of available fuels as it approaches containment lines.

During all tactical firing operations on the Ferguson Fire, firefighters and law enforcement maintain a presence in evacuated communities to ensure homes and structures remain safe.

Residents can expect to see smoke plumes throughout the day as tactical firing operations continue, particularly east of the fire along Highway 41/Wawona Road and south around Roundtree Saddle and toward Wawona Campground.

Air quality is likely to decrease as a result of increased smoke from the firing operations. Residents can monitor the latest air quality and health advisories at:

- <https://wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlooks/YosemiteArea>
- <https://wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlooks/SouthernSierra>

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.

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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
- 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.

- 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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