



Ferguson Fire Update

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Ferguson Fire Info Line: (530) 377-6221

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Incident Start Date: 7/13/2018 **Cause:** Under Investigation **Size:** 95,104 acres **Containment:** 80%
Incident Type: Full Suppression **Vegetation Type:** Brush and timber
Unified Command Agencies: U.S Forest Service, National Park Service and Interagency Command Team 3
Resources Assigned: Engines: 104 Water Tenders: 14 Helicopters: 14 Crews: 17 Dozers: 20 Masticators: 5
Total Personnel: 1,532

Current Situation: The fire remains at 95,104 acres. Containment is now at 80 percent. Burning progressed along Wawona Road in the Grouse Creek Drainage. This operation is expected to take two or three days. It will be carried out deliberately to reduce vegetation near the fire's edge. A few spots were burning in previous fire scars outside the fire perimeter in sparse vegetation. Due to the decreased amount of fuel in the old fire scars, control measures were effective. Crews utilized aerial support and were able to hold the spots.

Overnight the crews will continue the burnout operation, if practical and safe. This area will remain the focus of firefighting efforts until Wawona road and Yosemite Valley is secure. Badger Pass will once again serve as spike camp for a few firefighters to reduce the drive time from the Incident Command Post in Ahwahnee.

Weather: As expected winds were light and variable today and will remain so overnight. This weather pattern remains favorable to firefighters.

Closures and Restrictions:

U.S Forest Service: A [closure order](#) is in effect Groveland Ranger District in the vicinity of the Ferguson Fire on the Stanislaus National Forest. The Sierra National Forest Closure due to the Ferguson Fire can be found at the [Sierra National Forest](#) website.

Yosemite National Park: Yosemite Valley, Wawona Road, the Mariposa and Merced groves of giant sequoias, Hetch Hetchy, among other areas, are [closed](#). For more information, go to nps.gov/yose or call 209-372-0200.

Road Closures:

- Highway 140 east from the entrance of Yosemite National Park
- Wawona Road open to Yosemite West to Yosemite Valley residents only.
- Yosemite Valley

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

- Yosemite Valley (Residence and Employees only were allowed to enter at 10 AM, August 8, 2018)

Area Opportunities: The unique Gateway Communities of Yosemite National Park are open for visitors. The Sierra and Stanislaus National Forests have an abundant of outdoor recreation opportunities. Yosemite's [Tioga Road is open](#) through the Park, including Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center, [White Wolf Campground](#), Soda Spring, [Tenaya Lake](#), and Lembert Dome.

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