



CREEK FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 09/20/2020 Time: 9:00

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<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7147/>



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INCIDENT FACTS

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| Incident Start Date: 09/04/2020 | Incident Start Time: 6:33 p.m. | |
| Incident Type: Wildland Fire | Cause: Under Investigation | |
| Incident Location: Both sides of the San Joaquin River near Mammoth Pool, Shaver Lake, Big Creek and Huntington Lake. | | |
| Forest/CAL FIRE Units: Sierra National Forest, CAL FIRE Units Fresno-Kings and Madera-Mariposa-Merced | | |
| Unified Command Agencies: Great Basin Team 1, CAL FIRE 1, Fresno County Sheriff, Madera County Sheriff | | |
| Size: 278,368 | Containment: 25% | |
| Firefighter Injuries/Fatalities: 0 | Expected Full Containment: 10/15/2020 | |
| Structures Threatened: 8,063 | Structures Destroyed: 84* | Structures Damaged: 71* |

CURRENT SITUATION

Current Situation:


Fresno County: Fire activity moderated in the South Zone of the Creek fire last night combined with improving overnight humidity recovery. Though the fire continued to back and smolder in the heavier fuels, more active fire behavior was observed in the light fuels in wind prone areas. A new surface fuel is being established as the overstory in the lightly burned areas are beginning to drop leaves and needles. This will be monitored as it creates the potential for a ground fire to return to areas previously burned.

Clear skies and light winds allowed smoke to settle back into the lower drainages and canyons, which will create a heavier smoke inversion layer than was experienced yesterday. Today, sunny skies will prevail today with a gradual warming and drying trend that should allow smoke to lift through the day, but will not completely dissipate.

The fire intensity should increase as the weather continues to dry through the day. Heavier fuels retaining heat for long periods of time may spread to lighter fuels in the afternoon. Spotting can become an issue again today when if the smoke inversion layer allows sunshine to preheat fuels. However, limited progression beyond the existing fire perimeter is expected in most areas of the fire today.

If the fire does progress, it is expected to do so to the east of Huntington Lake around China Peak and to the northeast, potentially connect with the portion of fire moving south around Mount Tom. Growth will slow as fuels become scarcer in higher elevations. The fire may progress towards Florence Lake and the Dinkey Lakes Wilderness.

Operational priorities remain full containment of the fire in the South Zone and heavy equipment (bulldozers) and manual (handcrew) line construction will continue around the east portions of the zone. Fire suppression units (e.g. fire engines) will focus on tactical patrol and direct mopup in and near the fire perimeter.

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| | <p>Madera County: 250 Marines and Sailors with 7th Engineer Support Battalion from Camp Pendleton, California are beginning a 2-day field training today to reinforce the recent classroom orientation for new firefighters. The trainers are experienced wildland firefighters from the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service. All are looking forward to supporting containment efforts.</p> <p>Firefighters on the west side of the fire are beginning back-burning operations along the 09 Road. Heavy vehicle traffic is expected from North Fork through Central Camp as well as on the Beasore Road. Please drive cautiously! Beware of standing dead trees and other hazards.</p> <p>The fire is slowly progressing to the northeast toward rock bluffs and other natural fire barriers. Strategies are in place for the northern flank and the community of Mammoth Lake; the fire edge is still than 10-12 miles from Mammoth Mountain. Additional information is available via the Sierra National Forest Facebook page, or: https://creek-fire-preparedness-monomammoth.hub.arcgis.com</p> <p>Heavy smoke is forecast for portions of the Creek Fire today. Air operations will be scheduled as conditions permit. Please respect the Temporary Flight Restriction; keep drones away from the fire and firefighting operations. If you fly, we can't! Don't be the reason a firefighting air mission has to divert!</p> |
| <p>Evacuation Map:</p> | <p>The evacuation map of Creek Fire evacuations for Fresno and Madera counties is available online: https://nifc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=28ce52cb86bf49dea0adef5a78b3c1b5</p>  |
| <p>Incident Briefing:</p> | <p>The Sierra National Forest will host an Incident Briefing tonight at 7pm via Facebook Live: https://www.facebook.com/SierraNF/</p> |
| <p>Damage Inspection:</p> | <p>* Damage assessments are approximately 92% complete. Fresno County and Madera County: An interactive damage assessment map for Fresno County and Madera County is available: Fresno County Damage Assessment Map or https://bit.ly/3kxDyvl</p> |
| <p>Sign Up for Emergency Alerts</p> | <p>Fresno County: https://t.co/Otack9NyKc?amp=1 Madera County: mcalert.org Mariposa County: Sheriff Office, sign up with Everbridge: msoalert.com Temporary Flight Restriction: Perimeter runs from South Merced River Fork on the south end of Yosemite National Park, south to Millerton Lake roughly following Route 41, east to King's Canyon National Park, and north to Inyo National Forest. See: tfr.faa.gov</p> |
| <p>Evacuation Warnings:</p> | <p>Fresno County: Community of Prather. South of Little Sandy / Lodge Rd. North East of Tollhouse Rd. North of Millerton Rd. / Nicholas Rd. East Auberry Rd. Madera County: Bass Lake, Marina View, Cascadel Woods, and the 225 corridor. For a complete list of evacuation warnings, see the Sheriff's website (QR code and complete web address in yellow highlight).</p> |
| <p>Road Closures:</p> | <p>Fresno County: Maxon Road at Trimmer Springs Road, Sycamore Road at Watts Valley Road, Highway 168 at Lodge Road, Lodge Road at Tollhouse Road, Auberry Road at Jose Basin Road, Duncan Canyon Road at Burrough North Road Madera County: Road 222 at 229A, Road 274 at Beasore Road, Road 274 at Central Camp, Road 632 at Buckskin Closure updates are listed at: https://www.facebook.com/MaderaSheriff/.</p> |
| <p>Temporary Evacuation Points:</p> | <p>Fresno County Clovis North High School - 2770 East International Ave. Clovis, CA</p> |

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| Animal Evacuation Centers: | <p>Fresno County Small animals – Clovis North 2770 East International Ave. Large animals – The Fresno Fairgrounds, 1121 S Chance Ave, Fresno, CA 93702, is set up to receive evacuated animals but please contact the Central California Animal Disaster Team (888-402-2238) to make arrangements so animals can be received at the fairgrounds.</p> <p>Madera County Small animals – Oakhurst Community Center 39800 Road 425B Oakhurst, CA Large animals – Producer’s Livestock Facility at Madera Farm Bureau, 1022 South Pine Street, Madera, CA</p> |
| Missing Persons: | <p>Fresno County Sheriff 559-600-3111 Madera County Sheriff 559-658-2555</p> |
| National Park Closures: | <p>Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks are closed to the public due to smoke conditions.</p> |
| National Forest Closures: | <p>US Forest Service temporarily closed Southern California Forests, including the Sierra National Forest. Regional Order Number 20-12 Emergency Forest Closure.</p> |
| Bullfrog Fire Information: | <p>The Bullfrog Fire is burning on the Sierra National Forest but is not related to the Creek Fire. For information about that fire, please check Inciweb: Sierra National Forest Bullfrog Fire</p> |

| ASSIGNED RESOURCES | | | | |
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| Engines: 326 | Water Tenders: 83 | Helicopters: 16 | Hand Crews: 30 | Dozers: 88 |
| Other: 765 | | Total Personnel: 2,915 | | |
| Air Tankers: Numerous firefighting air tankers are flying fire suppression missions as conditions allow. | | | | |
| <p>Cooperating Agencies: North Zone: Madera County, Madera County Public Health, Madera County Fire, OES, CHP, National Park Service, PG&E, CDCR, Sothern California Edison, American Red Cross, California National Guard, California Air National Guard. South Zone: Fresno County, Fresno County Public Health, Fresno County OES, OES, Shaver Lake Fire Department, Bald Mountain Fire Protection District, Auberry Fire Department, Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Big Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, CHP, National Park Service, CDCR, PG&E, Sothern California Edison, American Red Cross, California National Guard, California Air National Guard.</p> | | | | |
| <p>To learn more about wildfire preparedness visit: www.readyforwildfire.org</p> | | | | |