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## Creek Fire Morning Update November 20, 2020



**Incident Start Date:** Sept. 4, 2020; **Cause:** Under Investigation; **Final acreage:** 379,895; **Containment:** 85% **Expected Full Containment Date:** With a season-ending event

**Engines:** 2; **Hand Crews:** 4; **Helicopters:** 1; **Water Tenders:** 1; **Dozers:** 0; **Other Heavy Equipment:** (Chippers, masticators, etc.) **5 Total Personnel:** 230

**Firefighter injuries:** 29; **Structures threatened:** 0; **Structures Destroyed:** 853; **Structures Damaged:** 64

*This will be the last daily update for the Creek Fire. Updates will be issued only should conditions change.*

**Current Situation:** The management of the Creek Fire will be transitioned to a type 3 organization local to the Sierra National Forest as of 6 p.m. tomorrow, November 21, 2020. A flight late in the afternoon yesterday revealed that, as expected, the recent high-elevation snow has put a further damper on the fire. The only remaining heat detected was from isolated large logs which continue to smolder as they burn into the wet snow. Surrounded by snow and granite, managers are confident that the fire will not progress further under winter conditions.

A Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team has been assessing fire impacts, including burn severity (which can affect regrowth) and tree mortality. A plan for recovery is being formulated based on that data. The BAER plan will be made available to the public as soon as it is completed. BAER assessments, as well as the plan when complete, can be found at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7221/>.

**Weather:** The weather today will continue to be clear and cold, with temperatures remaining at or slightly below normal.

**Pile burning in Shaver Lake:** The CAL Fire, Fresno-Kings Unit will continue burning brush/slash piles that were assembled during suppression repair work on the Creek Fire today along Hwy 168 between Shaver Lake Village and Shaver Point as conditions permit. Smoke from the burn piles may be visible locally.

**Sierra National Forest Closures:** The Sierra National Forest closure remains in effect. To read the full closure order and see a boundary map, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra/>.

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