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FIREFIGHTERS MAKE PROGRESS ON LION FIRE

It's been nearly a month since lightning ignited the Lion Fire in the Golden Trout Wilderness in Sequoia National Forest. Firefighters continue to make progress toward containing the Lion Wildfire, which has now burned nearly 19,300 acres. In an effort to fully contain the fire, firefighters are securing the control lines on the south side of the fire near Pecks Canyon and Table Meadow Creek by igniting unburned fuel between the main fire and the control line.

“Once we have secured this southern control line, we will monitor all sides of the fire to make certain the fire is not spreading beyond the 22,000-acre area we anticipated for completion,” stated Paul Gibbs, Lion Fire Incident Commander.

Firefighters continue to protect the historic Quinn cabin in Sequoia National Park and the private properties in Pecks and Lion Meadows in Sequoia National Forest. The fire is continuing to produce excellent fire effects including the consumption of needles, leaves, logs and shrubs with very little tree mortality.

The weather is predicted to be warmer and drier during the next few days, additional acres will be burned, increasing smoke production. Residents and visitors should continue to expect smoke in the Kern River Valley, eastern Sierra towns, and the mountain communities of Tulare County.

Area closures are still in effect in Sequoia National Forest and Sequoia National Park. Visit <http://inciweb.org/incident2400/> for maps of the closures. Anyone planning to travel into the Forest's Wilderness is asked to contact the Western Divide Ranger District at 559-539-2607. For those planning wilderness travel in the southern area of Sequoia National Park, call the 559-565-3766.

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