



Cedar Fire Update August 28, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

Kernville Ranger District:

760-376-3781

8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Website: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4964

Western Divide Ranger District:

559-539-2607, ext. 72284

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Email: cedarfire08162016@gmail.com

Size: 29,040 (200 acre increase from last evening)

Percent Contained: 30 percent

Total Personnel: 2,436

Resources: 42 hand crews, 17 aircraft, 185 engines, 24 dozers, 39 water tenders

Fire Start: August 16, 2016

Location: West of Kernville, Calif.

Cause: Under investigation

Cost to Date: \$35.5 million

Fire Summary:

It was a very cool night on the fireline, and fire activity was minimal. Crews reported good progress on containment-line construction and continued success in protection of the mountain communities along the northwest perimeter. Firefighters monitoring the Stormy Canyon drainage observed fire activity diminish overnight.

Today, hotshot crews are being inserted by helicopter on the east side of the fire between Split Mountain and Baker Point where they will set the stage for establishing containment lines. On the south side, firefighters are chipping trees and brush slash to clear Highway 155 from Wofford Heights to the Greenhorn Summit; expect traffic delays. Crews will continue firing operations on the west side around the Kern/Tulare County line to bring the fire onto the flats where containment will be safer, easier, and more efficient. On the northwest side, firefighters are using engines and bulldozers to construct direct line. Helicopters will be available to drop water in the Cane Creek drainage on Black Mountain to cool a stubborn area in the fire's interior.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Warmer, drier, and windier conditions are forecasted for today. Afternoon temperatures are expected to reach into the mid-90s at lower elevations. The relative humidity could drop as low as 10 percent. Winds will follow the terrain. On the ridgetops, firefighters could experience afternoon gusts up to 18 mph, with afternoon winds in the Kern River Valley gusting up to 25 mph. Fire managers are planning for the possible effects of sustained strong winds expected Tuesday and Wednesday.

Kern County Evacuations and Road Status:

Kern County has two levels of evacuations: precautionary and recommended. A precautionary evacuation means that the fire may become a threat in the near future. All residents are advised to be prepared to leave the area at a moment's notice. A recommended evacuation means that the fire is an imminent threat and people are strongly advised to leave and seek shelter away from the fire area. This may be the last notice people receive.

Precautionary evacuations:

Pala Ranches; Homestead Tract; residences north of Anchorage Road, including Earl Pascoe Road; Alta Sierra, with the exception of Forest Service recreation cabins at Summit Road; Weeping Springs; Slick Rock; residences from Diablo Road north to the Kern-Tulare County line in Kernville, on the west side of the Kern River; residences from Camp Erwin Owen north to the Kern-Tulare County line, including the Riverkern community, on the east side of the Kern River; and in Wofford Heights, the area east of Highway 155 and north of Wofford Boulevard.

Road closures:

- Hard closure: between Highway 155 at Rancheria Road and Highway 155 at Lakeside Drive.
- Soft closure (only residents with photo ID): Highway 155 at Calgary Drive; Old State Road at Mt. Shadow Drive.

Tulare County Evacuations and Road Status:

Tulare County has two levels of evacuations: voluntary and mandatory. A voluntary evacuation means that residents should either evacuate or be prepared to do so should conditions worsen. Voluntary evacuations require proof of residency to enter. A mandatory evacuation means that residents should evacuate.

Mandatory evacuations:

Balance Rock; Idlewild; McClenny Tract; Panorama Heights; Pine Mountain; Pine Mountain Ranch Homes; Posey; Portuguese Meadow; Poso Park; Rainbow Ranch Homes; Spear Creek Mountain Homes; Sugarloaf, including Sugarloaf Mountain Park and Sugarloaf Village; and White River Summer Homes.

Voluntary evacuations:

California Hot Springs; Pine Flat; and the Johnsondale area, including Johnsondale south to Chamise Flat Campground.

Road closures:

- M-50 "Parker Pass Rd." is now OPEN at M-107 "Western Divide Hwy." a.k.a. "Mountain Hwy. 90" allowing westbound travel into the evacuated areas around California Hot Springs and Pine Flat.
- M-56 "Hot Springs Rd." is now OPEN at M-109 "Old Stage Rd" near Fountain Springs into the evacuated areas around California Hot Springs for residents of California Hot Springs and Pine Flat only.
- Pine Flat Road is CLOSED at Manter Meadow Road into the evacuated areas around Sugarloaf and Posey.
- M-3 "White River Rd." is CLOSED at Jack Ranch Road east into the evacuated areas around Posey and Panorama Heights.
- M-112 "Deer Creek Rd." is CLOSED at Rd. 296 into the evacuated areas around California Hot Springs.

For more information, call the Tulare County Emergency Operations Center: 559-623-0200, option 6 for the public information officer. Continuous ringing indicates a busy line, and there is no voicemail.

National Forest Closures:

The Sequoia National Forest has issued area, road and trail closures for the area affected by the Cedar Fire (Order No. 0513-16-18). General boundaries of the closure: south of Highway 50, west of Highway 99, north of Sawmill Road, and east of the western Forest boundary. Forest Road 90 will remain closed. The official closure and a map are posted at inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4964.

Partial Campground Closures:

Campgrounds along Mountain 99 north of Kernville in the upper Kern River corridor are closed temporarily to overnight camping. The road remains open, and day use of the area—from sunrise to sunset—is allowed. People with reservations through the campground reservation systems should go to reserveusa.com or call (877) 444-6777.

Shelters:

- First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella (3701 Suhre Street)
- Granite Hills High School (1701 E. Putnam Avenue, Porterville)

Kern County Animal Services will assist with sheltering companion animals at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. To shelter large animals or livestock, contact Terry Way's Ranch and Equine Rescue: 918-541-3572, 416 N. Anderson Way, Exeter.

If you have physical limitations and require evacuation assistance, call the Aging and Adult Services hotline: 855-264-6565.

The team managing the Cedar Fire is also managing a new fire south of Lake Isabella. The Havila Fire was reported at approximately 2:30 p.m. Saturday.



Havila Fire Update August 28, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

Kernville Ranger District:

760-376-3781
8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Website: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/49648

Email: cedarfire08162016@gmail.com

Size: 343

Percent Contained: 0 percent

Fire Start: August 27, 2016

Location: South of Lake Isabella, Calif.

Cause: Under investigation

Fire Summary:

At approximately 2:30 p.m. yesterday, Kern County Fire Department received multiple calls reporting a grass fire at the 100 block of Charity Road in Havila. Fire crews arrived on scene to discover a fast, wind-driven fire that was already well established. Kern County Fire initiated recommended evacuations through ReadyKern (reverse 911) for South Havilah and Caliente-Bodfish Road. The fire was burning on both sides of Caliente-Bodfish Road.

Two Super-Scoopers (CL-215s) en route to drop water on the fire were grounded because a drone was detected and interfered with aerial operations. Eventually, air attack confirmed that the air space was clear and safe, and aerial operations continued. An airtanker dropped retardant on three sides of the mountain to help limit the fire's forward progress. Approximately 200 firefighters—many from the nearby Cedar and Range Fires—were on scene last night to assist Kern County Fire personnel.

California Interagency Incident Management Team 5 and Kern County Fire Department are in unified command and have been assigned to manage the Havila Fire. Fire crews, working on the ground and using aircraft and helicopters, will seek opportunities to protect nearby communities while suppressing the fire. They are building new containment lines and reinforcing and mopping up existing lines.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

The temperature is predicted to be in the mid-90s today, with the relative humidity dropping as low as 10 percent. Winds will be strong and gusty. The fire is burning primarily in shrubs and grass, with oak and gray pine in some drainages. The fire is expected to be active, and short-range spotting and single-tree torching are possible.

Evacuations and Road Status:

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Caliente-Bodfish Road is closed between School Road and Piute Meadows Road. All residents within the road closure are under a recommended evacuation order.

An American Red Cross evacuation shelter is at First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella (3701 Suhre St.).

Unified Command:

Incident Commanders Mike Minton, California Interagency Incident Management Team 5 representing the U.S. Forest Service, and Bill Steers, Kern County Fire Department.