



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

### **Kernville Ranger District:**

760-376-3781

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Website:** [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4964](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4964)

**Size:** 29,040 (no change from this morning)

**Percent Contained:** 45 percent

**Total Personnel:** 2,467

**Resources:** 45 hand crews, 16 aircraft, 174 engines, 24 dozers, 39 water tenders

### **Western Divide Ranger District:**

559-539-2607, ext. 72284

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

**Email:** [cedarfire08162016@gmail.com](mailto:cedarfire08162016@gmail.com)

**Fire Start:** August 16, 2016

**Location:** West of Kernville, Calif.

**Cause:** Under investigation

**Cost to Date:** \$38.9 million

### **Fire Summary:**

Firefighters made good progress today as fire activity moderated. Firing operations continued along Sandy Creek Road north to Panorama Heights and Sugarloaf areas. Crews are drawing closer to securing that portion of the line. On the north end, firing operations continue to be successful, connecting the contentious portion between Tobias and Baker Peaks with dozer and hand lines. On the northeastern perimeter, hotshot crews are being inserted in the steep country along Baker Ridge and into the upper reaches of Stormy Creek Canyon to suppress hotspots where the fire has made little movement. The fire has shown very little activity in the Bull Run Basin and will continue to be patrolled. North of Split Mountain, hotshot crews aided by water-dropping aircraft, are using infrared technology to identify and suppress pockets of heat in the rugged terrain. Firefighters mopping up and improving line on the southern perimeter along Highway 155 continue to make good progress.

Crews will work through the night to prepare for the hotter, drier, and windier conditions predicted for Wednesday.

### **Weather and Fire Behavior:**

High pressure over the fire area will keep temperatures and relative humidity much the same as previous nights. Gusty winds through the evening will die down around midnight. Expect further warming tomorrow and continued dry conditions. Winds will begin to increase on Tuesday as a trough of low pressure approaches the fire area. Fire managers are stressing the need for crews to be diligent in their work in anticipation of the containment lines being tested by sustained strong winds mid-week.

### **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.

**(NEW)** As of 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 29, the precautionary evacuation will be lifted for the entire Wofford Heights area.

Precautionary evacuations remain for 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 (no access beyond a hard closure, only residents with photo ID beyond a soft closure):

- Hard closure: Highway 155 between Rancheria Road and Lakeside Drive
- Soft closure: Highway 155 at a point west of Miller Road
- Soft closure: 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](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4964).

### **Partial Campground Closures:**

Sequoia National Forest campgrounds along Mountain 99 north of Kernville in the upper Kern River corridor are closed temporarily to overnight camping **except for Chamise and Fairview. Private campgrounds south of Riverkern remain open to overnight camping.** The road remains open, and day use—from sunrise to sunset—of Forest Service campgrounds is allowed. People with reservations through the campground reservation systems should go to [reserveusa.com](http://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 the Havila Fire south of Lake Isabella.



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

### **Kernville Ranger District:**

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

**Website:** [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/49648](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/49648)  
**Email:** [cedarfire08162016@gmail.com](mailto:cedarfire08162016@gmail.com)

**Size:** 343

**Percent Contained:** 80 percent

**Total Personnel:** 647

**Resources:** 13 hand crews, 4 aircraft, 45 engines,  
9 water tenders

**Fire Start:** August 27, 2016

**Location:** South of Lake Isabella, Calif.

**Cause:** Under investigation

**Cost to Date:** \$850,000

### **Fire Summary:**

Firefighters have nearly contained the Havila Fire that started yesterday on Charity Road south of Havilah. Crews will work through the night, constructing new firelines and improving and mopping up completed containment lines. Fire managers plan to release personnel and equipment back to the Cedar and Range Fires as they expect to achieve full containment tonight.

### **Weather and Fire Behavior:**

Little change is forecast in the overnight weather as a high-pressure system remains over the fire area. Winds will diminish around midnight. As a trough of low pressure approaches Tuesday, strong sustained winds are expected mid-week.

### **Evacuations and Road Status:**

Caliente-Bodfish Road is closed between School Road and Piute Meadows Road due to the recommended evacuation order issued yesterday. At 10 p.m. tonight, California Highway Patrol will open the road to people with proof of residence. At that time, the evacuation order will be downgraded to precautionary.

### **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.