



## **Cedar Fire Update August 29, 2016, 8:00 a.m.**

*Correction: All Forest Service campgrounds on the upper Kern River Corridor—including Chamise and Fairview—are closed to overnight camping. This morning's update erroneously reported Chamise and Fairview open to overnight camping.*

### **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:** 29,206 (166 acre increase from last evening)

**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:**

The fire was not active overnight. Most of yesterday's acreage increase is the result of firing operations on the north side near Bull Run Meadows and Sugarloaf Park. Crews working in the mountain communities on the northwest side of the fire were unable to conduct their firing operations due to unsuitable weather conditions. Instead, they reinforced existing containment lines. Highway 155 on the south side is congested with brush and trees, which firefighters are chipping. They made it up to Greenhorn Summit yesterday and will progress down the other side today. On the fire's northeastern side, hotshot crews used infrared technology onboard aircraft to detect and ground-truth potential hot spots.

The day shift will continue to identify areas holding heat along the east side of the fire. Aircraft will help cool and control those sections. Aircraft will also be used for fire suppression in areas between Split Mountain and Baker Point that are impassible for firefighters on the ground or where constructing control lines are difficult. Additional firing is planned late this afternoon on the west side from Sandy Creek north toward Panorama Heights. Crews are now able to work directly along the fire's perimeter northeast from Sugarloaf Peak to secure the fireline. Firefighters will proceed with removing brush and trees along Highway 155 to prepare the road for public use. Efforts are underway to release California local-government crews and equipment back to their local communities.

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

The region is under the continued influence of high pressure, bringing hot, dry weather. Lower elevations will experience daytime highs in the mid- to upper-90s with the relative humidity dropping as low as 10 percent. The vegetation is extremely dry. The timber in the fire area has a moisture content of approximately 5 percent; kiln-dried lumber has moisture content of 8 to 12 percent. Crews are conducting firing operations in any small pockets of unburned vegetation near fireline that could potentially be points for the fire to escape when the predicted strong winds arrive 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.

**As of 10 a.m., this morning, August 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 **(Expires at 10 a.m. Monday)**
- Soft closure: Old State Road at Mt. Shadow Drive **(Expires at 10 a.m. Monday)**

### **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 29, 2016, 8:00 a.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:** 304 (Size reduction due to better mapping)

**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:**

Crews installed fire hose around the entire fire perimeter and made significant progress mopping up. Through the night, crews continued mopping up, securing and reinforcing the containment lines around the perimeter.

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

Another hot, dry day is forecast. Relative humidity will be in the low teens and temperatures well into the 90s are expected.

### **Evacuations and Road Status**

**As of 6 a.m. this morning, the closure along Caliente-Bodfish Road was lifted. The evacuation order was rescinded. Residents are allowed to return home.**

### **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.