



Cedar Fire Update August 29, 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
Email: cedarfire08162016@gmail.com

Size: 29,206 (no change from this morning)
Percent Contained: 60 percent
Total Personnel: 2,054
Resources: 36 hand crews, 13 aircraft, 133 engines,
19 dozers, 39 water tenders

Fire Start: August 16, 2016
Location: West of Kernville, Calif.
Cause: Under investigation
Cost to Date: \$42 million

Fire Summary:

There was minimal perimeter growth on the fire today. Firefighters have connected hand line and dozer line and plumbed it with fire hose from south of Panorama Heights to north of Sugarloaf. This evening crews performed the last firing operation on the south side of Panorama Heights to eliminate the remaining pockets of vegetation with the containment lines. This will ensure that no unburned fuels remain to feed the fire should it make a run for the perimeter.

On the east side of the fire, hotshot crews are working south from Baker Ridge and the upper portions of Stormy Creek Canyon toward Bull Run Basin, while other crews are working north from Split Mountain to Bull Run Basin. They have had great success in their seek-and-destroy mission for hot spots. They are using infrared cameras to locate areas of isolated heat, which they are extinguishing with assistance from water-dropping aircraft.

The chipping operations along Highway 155 from Greenhorn Summit west toward Glennville are nearing completion.

The night shift will improve containment lines and patrol the perimeter for areas of heat to prepare for forecasted strong, sustained winds expected Wednesday. Fire managers want as much work as possible to be completed before the winds arrive and test the perimeter. The danger of snags and drought-stressed dead trees falling during the wind event will limit firefighters' access to many areas.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Temperatures and the relative humidity will be the same as they have for the past several nights. The high pressure that has persisted over the region is starting to break down as a low-pressure trough begins to move in Tuesday. The weather change will bring slightly cooler temperatures and an increase in humidity. The concern lies with the predicted strong winds that will test the hard work that firefighters have invested over the past two weeks.

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.

No recommended evacuations are in effect for Kern County.

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.

As of 6 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, the precautionary evacuations will be lifted for the following communities: Alta Sierra, Jameson Ranch, Shirley Meadows, Slick Rock and Summit Road.

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.

Tulare County Fire Department, Tulare County Sheriff, and Tulare County Office of Emergency Management issued the following information today: At 10 a.m. the mandatory evacuation order was downgraded to voluntary for the communities of Posey, Idlewild, Manter Meadow, Pine Mountain Ranch Homes, and Rainbow Ranch. Residents previously under mandatory evacuation may choose to return to their properties at this time. They must show proof of residency to posted law enforcement prior to entering evacuated areas.

Tulare County officials also lifted the voluntary evacuations in California Hot Springs, Pine Flat, Johnsondale and Fairview McNallys areas.

The neighboring communities of Poso Park, Panorama Heights, Balance Rock, McClenney Tract, Sugar Loaf Sawmill, Sugar Loaf Mountain Park, White River Summer Homes, and Spear Creek Summer Homes are still under mandatory evacuation orders.

Changes have been made to road closures. Current road closures include: Mountain 3 (M-3) is now closed where it becomes Sugarloaf Drive at Peel Mill Creek Road east into the Balance Rock, Sugarloaf and Panorama Heights areas. Mountain 3 (M-3) "White River Rd" is now partially open at Jack Ranch Road east into the evacuated areas around Posey and Idlewild, for residents of Posey and Idlewild only.

Mountain 112 (M-112) "Deer Creek Rd" is now open at Road 296 into the previously evacuated areas around California Hot Springs. Mountain 56 (M-56) "Hot Springs Rd" is now open at Mountain 109 (M-109) "Old Stage Rd" near Fountain Springs into the previously evacuated areas around California Hot Springs.

Pine Flat Road is closed at Manter Meadow Road for southbound travel into the evacuated areas around Sugarloaf and Posey. Manter Meadow Road is now partially open, for residents only.

Tulare County health officials advise residents returning to communities impacted by the wildfires to take caution upon returning to their homes. Always be aware of your surroundings and proceed cautiously to avoid hazards caused by the wildfire. For a full list of precautions visit www.tularecounty.ca.gov/emergencies.

Southern California Edison has begun to restore power to various areas affected by the Cedar Fire. Residents who experience long-term power loss are urged to show caution when using their appliances for the first time. Do not consume refrigerated or frozen food stored in appliances that may have lost electricity, and dispose of these items properly. Water systems are currently being recharged in the area.

For further information, please contact the Tulare County Emergency Operations Center at (559) 623-0200 between the hours of 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

National Forest Closures:

The Sequoia National Forest has issued an area closure 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 and will include Cedar Creek and Alder campground. The official closure and a map are posted at 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. 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 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.



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

Email: cedarfire08162016@gmail.com

Size: 304 (No Change)

Percent Contained: 100 percent

Total Personnel: 465

Resources: 9 hand crews, 0 aircraft, 39 engines,
7 water tenders

Fire Start: August 27, 2016

Location: South of Lake Isabella, Calif.

Cause: Under investigation

Cost to Date: \$1,800,000

Fire Summary:

Firefighters identified some areas of persistent heat around the fire perimeter and extinguished them. Day shift crews were able to attain 100 percent containment today by reinforcing firelines constructed the night before. Tonight, crews will mop up hot spots and remove excess equipment. At 6 a.m. tomorrow, management of fire will be transferred to Kern County Fire Department, whose firefighters will monitor and patrol the perimeter.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Tonight will be clear with minimal smoke. Temperatures on the ridgetops will be 45–55 degrees with northwest winds 10–15 mph. Downslope and valley areas will be in the low 60s with winds will be light, gusting up to 10 mph. Maximum relative humidity will be 25–45 percent in the valleys and could reach 55 percent at higher elevations.

Evacuations and Road Status:

This morning, the closure of Caliente-Bodfish Road was lifted. The evacuation order was rescinded, and residents were 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.