



Cedar Fire Update August 30, 2016, 8:00 a.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: 29,304 (98 acre increase from last evening)

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: \$42.1 million

Fire Summary:

Overnight, firefighters monitored containment lines to ensure that the fire's perimeter was not challenged. Today, crews will focus on the Bear Den area, where unburned vegetation remains between the fire and dozer lines. They'll conduct firing operations to remove that vegetation before the forecasted change in wind arrives, which will test containment lines.

Mop up and improvement of the perimeter around all the mountain communities along the northwest side of the fire continues. Hazardous-tree removal needs to be completed before the area can be safely repopulated. Fire activity along the eastern side has moderated, but heavily timbered areas continue to smolder and retain heat. Hotshot crews are using infrared technology to locate scattered pockets of heat, which they will extinguish with assistance from water-dropping aircraft. With the arrival of anticipated strong, gusty winds, fire managers will continue to monitor the eastern side of the fire.

Chipping operations along Highway 155 are complete and the road is open to all traffic. Drivers are asked to be alert for fire equipment on the road. At each corner and switchback, anticipate the possibility of encountering large, slow-moving firefighting equipment.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Today's temperature and relative humidity will change little from yesterdays as high pressure gives way to a low-pressure trough moving into the area. Winds will be stronger Wednesday and Thursday on ridgetops and through Kern River Canyon, with gusts to around 30 mph possible.

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.

As of 6 a.m. today, the precautionary evacuations were lifted for the following communities: Alta Sierra, Jameson Ranch, Shirley Meadows, Slick Rock and Summit Road.

Precautionary evacuations remain for the Forest Service recreation cabins at Summit Road; Weeping Springs; 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.

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.

Yesterday, Tulare County Fire Department, Tulare County Sheriff, and Tulare County Office of Emergency Management downgraded the evacuation order from mandatory to voluntary for the communities of Posey, Idlewild, Manter Meadow, Pine Mountain Ranch Homes, and Rainbow Ranch, giving residents with proof of residency the choice to return to their properties.

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:

The following American Red Cross shelters can be opened with one hour's notice should the need arise:

- 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 30, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

Kernville Ranger District:
760-376-3781
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Website: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/49648
Email: cedarfire08162016@gmail.com

Size: 304 (no change)
Percent Contained: 100 percent

Fire Start: August 27, 2016
Location: South of Lake Isabella, Calif.
Cause: Under investigation

Fire Summary:

Fire managers returned management of the Havila Fire to Kern County Fire Department at 6 a.m. today. This will be the last information update on this fire. Contact the Kern County Fire Department's public information officer at 661-330-0133.

Evacuations and Road Status:

All roads are open, and there are no evacuations. Be aware of fire equipment in the fire area.