



Cedar Fire Update September 2, 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: 29,322 (no change)
Percent Contained: 95 percent
Total Personnel: 1,326
Resources: 26 hand crews, 7 aircraft, 52 engines,
10 dozers, 28 water tenders

Fire Start: August 16, 2016
Location: West of Kernville, Calif.
Cause: Under investigation
Cost to Date: \$49.9 million

Fire Summary:

It was a night of vigilance for crews as they monitored the perimeter of the fire to ensure it stayed within containment lines. Residents of the mountain communities on the northwest section of the fire continued to return to their homes and cabins.

Friday's priority is to seek out and cool down any hot spots near the edge of the fireline to ensure the fire remains within its containment lines. Repair of areas affected by fire-suppression activities is an increasing component of fire operations. Both efforts are complicated by the hazard posed by fire-weakened and beetle-killed trees.

California Interagency Incident Management Team 5, under the command of Mike Minton, and Kern County Fire Department, under the command of Bill Steers, would like to thank cooperators and community members for their support throughout the suppression efforts. This evening at 6:00, responsibility for the fire will be transferred to California Central Coast Interagency Incident Management Team 7 under the command of Robert Laeng.

Safety:

Flames and smoke from isolated areas well within the fireline might be visible for several days, and visitors and residents should call 911 *only* if they see fire near containment lines. As traffic increases during the Labor Day holiday weekend, be mindful of firefighters, vehicles, and equipment still working on or near roads in the fire area. With hot, dry, windy conditions persisting and extremely dry vegetation, residents and visitors are asked to be extremely careful with any open flame or activities that could spark a new fire start.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Afternoon temperatures are expected to range from the 70s at higher elevations to the mid-90s in the Kern River Valley. Relative humidity will drop as low as 13 percent in the lower elevations. Gusty winds as high as 30 mph are possible this afternoon across the ridgetops and the river valley. Fire activity will be minimal, limited to creeping and smoldering.

National Forest Upper Kern River Campgrounds:

Sequoia National Forest designated and dispersed campgrounds along the Upper Kern River (Mountain 99) have reopened to overnight camping.

A visitor information booth, located at Mt. 99 and Riverkern, will be open Friday–Sunday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Kernville Ranger Station will be open Saturday, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. but closed Sunday and Monday. Starting Tuesday, the office will return to winter hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

National Forest Closures:

A Sequoia National Forest area closure is in effect (Order No. 0513-16-18). The official closure order and map are posted at inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4964.

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.

Spear Creek Summer Homes remains under mandatory evacuation. Road closures remain in place at the entrance to Spear Creek Summer Homes. There are no communities under voluntary evacuation.

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