



Cedar Fire Update September 4, 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 (no change)
Total Personnel: 965
Resources: 24 hand crews, 6 aircraft, 21 engines,
8 dozers, 27 water tenders

Fire Start: August 16, 2016
Location: West of Kernville, Calif.
Cause: Under investigation
Cost to Date: \$52.6 million

Fire Summary:

Fire crews working overnight reported very little smoke or heat along the fire's perimeter. Engines patrolled the area around Glennville and along the Kern River corridor monitoring for signs of hot spots that could flare back up. The public is reminded that camp fires are prohibited on federal lands. The Sequoia National Forest is under Level 4 fire restrictions that prohibit the use of open flames or smoking outside of a vehicle. Dry and windy conditions are a concern as recreation visits continue to increase over the holiday weekend. Fire patrols will closely monitor for camp fires and remind people of fire restrictions.

Fire rehab will be the focus for crews today as they identify dozer and hand lines that need erosion control work. Firefighters will patrol and mop-up containment lines as needed. Interior pockets of unburned fuels as well as heavy dead and down fuels will continue to burn as the fire moves into those areas. Smoke may be visible in and around the fire area.

The Central Coast Incident Management Team will continue to downsize firefighting resources in response to suppression and rehab needs. Firefighters on the incident are prepared to respond to any new fire starts in the vicinity.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

A few areas will continue to smoke as the fire creeps into unburned pockets of fuel. Temperatures will be cooler today but winds will increase in the mountains, gusting to 45 mph. Humidity will increase slightly in the canyon and at higher elevations.

National Forest Upper Kern River Campgrounds:

Sequoia National Forest designated and dispersed campgrounds along the Upper Kern River (Mountain Road 99) are open to the public.

A visitor information booth in Riverkern will be staffed today between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Kernville Ranger Station will be closed today and Monday for the holiday. Starting Tuesday, the office will return to normal hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

National Forest Closures and Road Status:

Areas in the Sequoia National Forest are closed to public access under a Forest Order (Order No. 0513-16-21). The official order and map is posted at www.inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4964. The Kern Valley airport is open to normal flight activity.

Roads into the Spear Creek Summer Home area remain closed to residents due to snags and other hazards. There are no other evacuations in place at this time. For further information, contact the Tulare County Emergency Operations Center at (559) 623-0200 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.