



Cedar Fire Update September 5, 2016, 8:00 am



Kern River Ranger District:
760-376-3781
8 am to 4:30 pm

Website: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4964
Email: cedarfire08162016@gmail.com

Size: 29,322 acres (no change)
Containment: 98 percent
Total Personnel: 952
Resources: 23 hand crews, 6 aircraft, 26 engines,
6 dozers, 28 water tenders

Fire Start: August 16, 2016
Location: West of Kernville, Calif.
Cause: Under investigation
Cost to Date: \$54.5 million

Fire Summary:

Windy conditions yesterday pushed the fire into unburned pockets of fuel in the interior of the burn area. Smoke plumes were visible from different lookout sites as the fire smoldered and crept into patches of dead and down material. Firefighters kept watch over containment lines to ensure no sparks ignited outside the lines. Night patrols continued last night in the Glennville community and along the Kern River corridor. As forest visitors return home after the holiday weekend, patrols will monitor for smoke or other signs of abandoned campfires.

Today, most of the work will continue to focus on scouting out areas for repair and removing hazard trees along National Forest system roads. Sandy Creek and Sugarloaf Roads, as well as administrative sites like popular camping areas, will be surveyed for dead trees or other hazards that could compromise public safety. Crews will also be cutting and chipping brush to improve containment lines. Firefighters will continue to patrol and mop-up any hot spots that appear along roads and fire lines.

The Sequoia National Forest remains in Level 4 fire restrictions. Campfires and open flame are prohibited on the Forest and smoking is allowed only inside a vehicle. Land owners are reminded to be cautious when working outdoors with equipment, as a spark could start a new fire.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

The Incident Fire Behavior Specialist expects little change in fire activity today. Smoke will be visible as fire continues to move within the fire perimeter. Temperatures will increase slightly and humidity will remain low. Gusty winds will be confined mostly to the Kern River Canyon and will taper off during the day along the ridge lines.

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. The Kern River Ranger District will be closed today and will return to normal hours of operation between 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on Tuesday.

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