



## Cedar Fire Update September 6, 2016, 8:00 am



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

**Website:** [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4964](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4964)  
**Email:** [cedarfire08162016@gmail.com](mailto:cedarfire08162016@gmail.com)

**Size:** 29,322 acres (no change)  
**Containment:** 98 percent  
**Total Personnel:** 736  
**Resources:** 15 hand crews, 6 aircraft, 22 engines,  
7 dozers, 25 water tenders

**Fire Start:** August 16, 2016  
**Location:** West of Kernville, Calif.  
**Cause:** Under investigation  
**Cost to Date:** \$55.5 million

### Fire Summary:

Fire crews on the night shift completed their final assignment last night. They will transition to the day shift and join other crews who are working on rehab in the burn area. Very few smoke columns were visible yesterday with the exception of hot spots on the western flank, south of Panorama Heights. Fire personnel kept a careful watch over this area to ensure no spots occurred over the containment line. Patrols will continue to monitor the Kern River corridor looking for smoke or other signs of abandoned campfires following the high use holiday weekend.

Crew assignments today will continue to focus on removing hazards within the fire perimeter, chipping dead vegetation, and repairing dozer and hand lines. The number of fire personnel will continue to decline as resources are released from the incident. Forest system roads and administrative sites will be evaluated for hazard trees and treated to improve safety in those areas. Some smoke will be visible within the interior of the fire.

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:

Weather in the area remains much the same today as yesterday. Winds should continue to decrease and temperatures increase as a slow warming and drying trend sets up for the week. Gusty winds will continue to occur in the Kern River Canyon.

### 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. Today, the Kern River Ranger District will return to normal hours of operation between 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

### 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 <http://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.