



# South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team

## For Immediate Release

**Date: August 29, 2011**

**Time: 7:00 p.m**

**Fire Update #11**

<b>Motor Fire</b>	<b>Location:</b> Hwy 140 near Cedar Lodge	<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	0
<b>Acres Burned:</b>	5,231	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	0
<b>Containment:</b>	50%	<b>Injuries:</b>	1
<b>Fire Started:</b>	August 25,2011 12:30PM		
<b>Cause:</b>	Vehicle Fire		
<b>Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 1,201</b>			

## Summary

The Motor Fire started August 25, 2011 at approximately 12:30pm on Hwy 140, along the Merced River and near Cedar Lodge. This fire is located in very steep, rugged terrain making access difficult. The South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team assumed command of the fire on August 26, 2011.

## Evacuation Update

All evacuations will be lifted at 9:00 p.m. on tonight. These evacuations include Rancheria Flat, Cedar Lodge, Incline, and El Portal Trailer Village. Law Enforcement will be assisting residents in returning to their homes. Highway 140 will remain closed until tomorrow, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Hwy 140 will be opened at 6:00 a.m. for traffic traveling east bound toward El Portal. Westbound traffic will be open at 6:45 a.m.

Firefighters and equipment will remain along Hwy 140 and in the communities. Residents are advised to please use caution when driving along these routes.

## Fire Update

Today fire crews concentrated on building containment lines on the east side of the fire. Crews made good progress on the fire throughout the day. Helicopters made good progress in supporting fire crews through the day as needed.

## Closures

- Stanislaus Forest Road 1S12 is closed from Yosemite Park Boundary to Five Corners.

## Contact:

Fire Information: (209) 372-0327 or (209) 372-0329

For additional information visit: [www.inciweb.org/2520](http://www.inciweb.org/2520)