



# South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team

## For Immediate Release

**Date: August 27, 2011**

**Time: 9:30 PM**

<b>Motor Fire</b>	<b>Location:</b> Hwy 140 near Cedar Lodge	<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	70
<b>Acres Burned:</b>	3,600	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	0
<b>Containment:</b>	15%	<b>Injuries:</b>	0
<b>Fire Started:</b>	August 25, 2011 12:30PM		
<b>Cause:</b>	Vehicle Fire		
<b>Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 850</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. South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team assumed command of the fire on August 26, 2011 at 6:00P.M.

## Update

Firefighters will continue working on line construction and suppression efforts throughout tonight. Hand crews continue to play a significant role in suppressing fire in the steep and rugged terrain.

At approximately 4:30 on August 27, 2011 the community of Rancheria was issued a mandatory evacuation. Approximately 100 residents were evacuated. Evacuations were conducted by local law enforcement. An evacuation center has been opened at the Lutheran Church in Mariposa, California. The address is 4469 Highway 49 South Mariposa, California. The center will remain open until further notice.

## Evacuations

- Rancheria, Cedar Lodge and Sierra Campgrounds in the canyon are under mandatory evacuations
- Yosemite West, Old El Portal, Incline, and Jerseydale have been advised to prepare for evacuations.

## Closures

- Highway 140 is closed
- Stanislaus Forest Road 1S12 is closed from Yosemite Park Boundary to Five Corners.

## Contact:

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

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