



**Big Meadow Fire Information Update
Yosemite National Park
Wednesday, September 2, 2009 – 8:00am
Fire Information**



Phone (209) 372-0327 or 372-0669

Media Inquiries– (209) 372-0248 or 372-0529

Big Meadow Fire Website: www.inciweb.org/incident/1869/

Situation: Yesterday, the fire burned actively (a large column of smoke was visible in the afternoon) in the wilderness near Tioga Road and Tamarack Flat Campground Road. In the afternoon, the fire crossed Tamarack Flat Campground Road and air tankers were brought to support firefighting efforts.

Today, firefighters will continue to work on containing the fire at Tamarack Flat Campground Road using all available resources. When conditions are favorable firefighters will conduct burnout operations along Big Oak Flat and Tioga Roads and in Upper Crane Creek. Firefighters continue to reinforce fire lines east of El Portal and around Foresta. No major fire activity was reported in these areas.

Special Announcements: The Big Oak Flat Road is closed to through traffic at the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station to the junction of the El Portal Road. In addition, the Tioga Road remains closed to through traffic from White Wolf to the Crane Flat Gas Station. There is no projected opening date at this time for either road. Hodgdon Meadow Campground remains accessible to visitors. Visitors on the east side of the park can still access Tuolumne Meadows, Olmsted Point, and White Wolf.

Fire Status	Resources
Fire Name: Big Meadow	Crews: 27
Geographic Location: Foresta, CA	Engines: 104
Acres Burned: 5,938 acres (8.2 square miles)	Helicopters: 7
Start Date: 8/26/2009	Air Tankers: 6
Percent Contained: 55 percent	Dozers: 8
Expected Containment Date: September 10, 2009	Water Tenders: 19
Cause: Escaped Prescribed Fire	Total Personnel Assigned: 1,329
Injuries: 5, minor	Estimated Cost: \$9.1 million
Structures Threatened: 50 residences, 1 commercial, 25 outbuildings	
Structures Destroyed: 0	

Evacuations: The community of Foresta.

Road Closures: The Big Oak Flat Road from Crane Flat Gas Station to the intersection of El Portal Road and Big Oak Flat Road. The Tioga Road from Big Oak Flat Road to White Wolf. Road Closures information is available by calling 209-372-0200.

Campground and Trail Closures: Tamarack and Crane Flat Campgrounds are closed. Trails include: Old Big Oak Flat Trailhead to El Capitan, Rockslides to El Capitan, Tamarack Creek to El Capitan.

Fire Information: Fire information phone lines are staffed from 6am until 9pm. Phone numbers are 209-372-0327 and 209-372-0669.

Cooperating Agencies: US Forest Service, Mariposa County Sheriff, Mariposa County Fire, CAL FIRE, CHP, American Red Cross, Delaware North Parks and Resort at Yosemite and PG&E.