

Tamarack Fire Update

Saturday, July 31, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Rocky Mountain Type 1 Incident Management Team

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Information Staffing Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Special notes:

Power companies will be flying in new utility poles by helicopter today. They are working near Markleeville in the Turtle Rock corridor. State Route 89 will be periodically closed for them to operate safely.

Current Situation:

Firefighters fully contained Division Q yesterday, adding new containment line between Leviathan Creek and the Carson River. The fire is now 79% contained.

The suppression repair group continues work today based on priority actions from local natural and cultural resource advisors. Crews and excavators rehabilitated areas near Markleeville, Woodfords, and Crystal Springs yesterday. Today they plan to finish chipping along State Route 89.

The structure and night operations groups are responding to homeowner reports of smoke. They put out one new lightning-started fire near Woodfords last night and will check for other new starts today. Smoke and spots within the fire perimeter are protected by the containment line. Fire equipment and personnel will decrease as the incident meets objectives and the current team prepares to transition.

Branch I:

Divisions K and O – The north and east edges of the fire are contained and in patrol status. Three crews addressed hot spots in Division K, focusing on the area east of Hawkins communication site and Burnside Lake.

Branch II:

Division Q and T – The UAS flew the edge of Division Q yesterday to ensure the line is secure. With containment complete, crews will patrol today. In Division T, hotshots completed hazard tree removal near residences yesterday. The focus for containment today is the area that firefighters burned out on the ridge above English Meadow.

Division A –Yesterday, a third camera was added to this division that can be viewed live and remotely controlled by fire managers. This camera will enable fire officials to see specific areas of concern that they may be able to quell with additional suppression tactics. Two wildland fire modules remain in this division. Due to extremely rugged terrain and minimal fire activity, this division is being managed for confinement to maximize firefighter safety and utilize natural barriers to fire spread. Confinement means that firefighters will take requisite action to minimize risks to life and safety. Natural barriers and limited fuels will serve to prevent fire spread and potential.

Weather and Fuel Conditions:

Storms brought heavy rain to parts of the fire area yesterday. There was a flood advisory on the eastern edge of the fire yesterday. Today another flash flood watch is in effect with more heavy rain, lightning, and storms expected. Beware of rockslides, mud slides, or debris flows. Less rain is forecast tomorrow. Monday will be dry and windy.

Evacuations, Recovery, Closures, and Fire Restrictions:

For evacuation and recovery information in Alpine and Douglas Counties visit: <https://bit.ly/2V5tT8H> and <https://bit.ly/3le3PmE>. For closures and fire restrictions on National Forest lands visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/htnf/alerts-notice>. Grover Hot Springs State Park remains closed to the public.

Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR):

A temporary flight restriction (TFR) remains in place. TFR violations can disrupt aerial firefighting operations and may force fire managers to ground essential aircraft. Wildfires are a no-fly zone for unauthorized aircraft, including drones. **If you fly, we can't.** For more information, visit <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.

<p>Tamarack Fire Statistics: Size: 68,696 acres Containment: 79% Total Personnel: 679 Location: Markleeville, CA Reported: July 4, 2021 Cause: Lightning</p>	<p>For More Information: Public Information Phone: 775-434-8629 Public email: 2021.tamarack@firenet.gov Media Phone: 775-434-8110 Media email: mediatamarack@gmail.com InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7674/ Facebook: www.facebook.com/tamarackfireinfo Twitter: https://twitter.com/tamarack_fire Youtube: https://bit.ly/TamarackVideo</p>
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