

Tamarack Fire Update

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Sierra Front Type 3 Incident Management Team 1

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A RED FLAG WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR 11:00 AM TO 11:00 PM PDT TUESDAY AUGUST 17TH FOR GUSTY WINDS AND LOW HUMIDITY...

Current Situation: Yesterday, the west suppression repair group continued with Hazard Tree Mitigation in the Pleasant Valley, Thornburg Canyon and Indian Creek Res. area. Crews continue to make progress in DIV A as well as patrol DIV K, O and Q.

The Tamarack Fire's resources will continue assisting local jurisdictions with initial attack on any new fire starts.

All resources are advised to maintain a high level of L.C.E.S. (Lookouts, Communications, Escape Routes and Safety Zones) as this dry cold front moves through the region.

West Repair Group - The west repair group will continue with Hazard Tree Mitigation in the Pleasant Valley and Thornburg Canyon area. Residents in the Markleeville area will continue to see increased vehicle and truck traffic throughout the week. Hazard Tree Mitigation in and around Indian Creek Res. will continue today. Residents along Airport rd. are advised to watch for heavy equipment and truck traffic in the area.

Divisions K, O, and Q – Divisions K, O, and Q continue to be in patrol status. DIV Q has been supported by a spike camp just west of Monitor Pass that will start to break down today. Two engines and one hand crew will continue to patrol these divisions and mop-up any hotspots they come across.

Division A – Two hand crews and a Wildland Fire Module continue to mop-up in the Mokelumne Wilderness area. Because of the extremely rugged terrain and the lack of fire movement, firefighters are using a suppression strategy of confinement in this area. The crews are being supported by helicopters for both water drops and supplies. The Wildland Fire Module will remain in the wilderness area for the foreseeable future.

Weather and Fuel Conditions: A Red Flag Warning has been issued today from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm. Smoke and haze will continue today. The predicted high is 84-89 degrees, with relative humidity 12-16%. Fuels remain extremely dry.

Closures, and Fire Restrictions: All public lands are closed within the fire's perimeter, for more information visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/htnf/alerts-notices>. <https://www.blm.gov/office/carson-city-district-office>

Tamarack Fire Statistics:

Size: 68,637 acres
Containment: 82%
Total Personnel: 303
Location: Markleeville, CA
Reported: July 4, 2021
Cause: Lightning

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