



Bridge Fire Update

Saturday, September 6, 2014, **12:30 P.M.**

www.fire.ca.gov

Fire Information Line: 209-966-4784

Incident Name: Bridge Fire

Location: Ponderosa Basin area of Mariposa County

Start Date & Report Time: September 5, 2014 – 12:39 P.M.

Acres: 300

Containment: 25%

Expected Containment:

Fire Engines: 91

Fire Crews: 22

Bulldozers: 22

Helicopters: 2

Airtankers: 0

Total Personnel: 746

Injuries: 1

Structures Destroyed: 0

Cause: Under Investigation

Current Situation: Fire burning at a moderate rate of spread. There continues to be a threat to the Ponderosa Basin community. Access to the fire is difficult due to steep terrain. Firefighters are experiencing extreme fire behavior conditions due to drought and low fuel moisture.

Evacuations: Evacuations continue to be in effect for residents living in the Ponderosa Basin area.

Residents should remain cautious of fire personnel and equipment working in the area.

Road Closures: [Highway 49 has reopened.](#) All roads into the community of Ponderosa Basin are closed.

Evacuation Centers: An evacuation shelter will remain open at the New Life Christian Center on Cole Road in Bootjack, California.

Cooperating Agencies: CAL FIRE, USFS, CAL OES, Mariposa County Fire Department, Merced County Fire Department, Madera County Fire Department, Mariposa County Sheriff's Department, Madera County Sheriff's Department, PG&E, Red Cross, CHP and Local Government Resources within the Central Valley.

Additional Information: Residents who need more information can go to www.fire.ca.gov or contact the Bridge Fire Information Line at 209-966-4784.