



KING FIRE UPDATE

September 24, 2014 8:00 AM

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4108/>

Fire Information Line: (530) 647-5218

Zone 1 (north portion) Media Information Line: (925) 588- 6770

Zone 2 (south portion) Media information Line: (530) 708- 2724

County: El Dorado and Placer

Current Acreage Burned: 92,960

Structures Damaged or Destroyed: Information below

Structures Threatened: 21,000 (12,000 residences)

People Evacuated: 2,830

Fire Start: 9/13/14

Percent Containment: 38%

Injuries: 4

Cause: Arson

Total Personnel Assigned: 7,621

Current Situation Zone 1 (northern portion): Firefighters were very successful in strengthening control lines last night along the Chipmunk ridge and throughout the northern portion of the fire. Red Flag warnings will continue throughout the day, which may increase fire behavior along with the potential of spotting. Humidity levels will continue to drop as increased southeast wind gusts in the mid-teens are expected. A Fire information call center in the Truckee Tahoe Basin has been established to assist citizens in Placer County with questions pertaining to the King Fire. The number is (530) 587-9096 Community meetings that were scheduled last night were well attended with fire officials addressing public concerns on the King Fire.

Current Situation Zone 2 (southern portion): Red Flag Warnings are predicted over the fire area for high winds and low relative humidity through tonight at 8:00 p.m. With the southwest wind there is the potential for extreme fire behavior if the winds, fuels and topography come into alignment. The fire remained relatively active throughout the night due to the poor relative humidity recovery. The Damage Assessment Team working in the White Meadows area has determined that 12 residences and 57 other type structures were destroyed.

The King Fire is being managed in Unified Command with Eldorado National Forest, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office and CAL FIRE. The Federal Team CIIMT 5 (Jim Giachino) will be coordinating firefighting operations of Zone 1 (northern portion) of the fire, and CAL FIRE IMT 5 (Kevin Smith) is managing Zone 2 (southern portion) of the fire.

Evacuations: Go to the El Dorado County Sheriff's blog (pio.edso.org). The Sheriff's office manages all evacuation activities for the county and is updating information as changes occur. To assist in this effort, the Chief Administrative Office of El Dorado County has set up a hotline and webpage. The hotline phone number is (530) 642-7263. The hotline will be available from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday – Friday and 8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. Saturday - Sunday. Voicemail is available outside of the hotline hours.

Evacuation Shelter Location: The evacuation shelter is located at the Camino Seventh-day Adventist Church at 3520 Carson Road in Camino.

Road Closures: For current information refer to the El Dorado County Sheriff's blog (pio.edso.org)

Community Meetings: On Wednesday September 24, 2014 there will be community meetings scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Golden Sierra High School in the Multi-Purpose Room at 5101 Garden Valley Road, Garden Valley CA; Tahoe City High School at 2945 Polaris Road Tahoe City, CA; Foresthill High School at 23319 Foresthill Road, Foresthill CA

Air Quality Information: For current air quality information refer to www.edcgov.us/airqualitymanagement

Cooperating Agencies: CHP, Red Cross, Cal OES, El Dorado Irrigation District, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Sierra Pacific Industries, PG&E, Placer County Water Agency, Placer County Sheriffs, California Conservation Corps