



KING FIRE UPDATE

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Public information: 530-621-1201

Media information: 530-708-2724

Start Date: September 13, 2014

Containment: 94%

Estimated Containment Date: October 4, 2014

Cause: Arson

Size: 97,099 acres

Injuries: 10

Total Personnel Assigned: 2,557

Structures Destroyed: 80 (12 residences, 68 other type)

Current Situation: Today the firelines were tested with strong north and northeast winds. Due to the increased winds and warmer and drier weather, additional smoke was visible and residents should expect to continue to see and smell smoke. This wind will likely continue through the night and into tomorrow.

All of the firelines held and firefighters continue to work on the remaining suppression activities. Firefighters are using data from heat-sensing aerial photography to locate and extinguish areas of heat remaining within, but close to, the fire perimeter. Firefighters continue mop up and patrol. Helicopters are assisting crews as needed.

Fire crews continue to remove hazardous trees, chip brush and remove road debris to make roads safer for public travel. All forest roads within the burned area remain closed due to hazardous conditions which are expected to persist for some time. Today crews repaired handline and dozer line constructed during fire suppression activity and removed excess fire equipment such as hose, pumps, and tanks.

Fire equipment will remain on the fire overnight patrolling the fire area.

The King fire is under Unified Command with the Eldorado National Forest and CAL FIRE.

Forest Closures:

Eldorado National Forest: Tuesday the Eldorado National Forest released a closure order reducing the size of the closure area. The revised Forest Order has reopened Desolation Wilderness, Wrights Lake and the east side of Ice House Road. To view the news release, new closure order and map, please visit:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/eldorado/news-events/?cid=STELPRD3818614> .

Tahoe National Forest: The Tahoe National Forest's road and trail closure order remains in effect and can be viewed at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tahoe/alerts-notice/?aid=252822>. Private property owners and lessees in the area covered by the Tahoe National Forest road and trail closure may apply for a permit to enter the area by contacting the American River Ranger District at 530-367-2224 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday.

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