



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 5, 2014

Cause: Arson

Size: 97,099 acres

Injuries: 11

Total Personnel Assigned: 2,557

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

Current Situation: Yesterday the firelines held well despite winds up to 40 MPH. Today conditions will again be warm and dry, with winds from the southeast lighter than yesterday. Some smoke will be visible again today with isolated ground fire on south-facing slopes and in smoldering heavy fuels on the ground. Yesterday firefighters completed fireline in an active fire area near an unburned island of fuel within the containment line on the southwest portion of the fire. Other crews constructed line in another warm spot in the Rubicon drainage on the western perimeter. Today firefighters will continue to patrol for residual areas of heat near the fire perimeter and extinguish them.

Many resources are working to make miles of roads safe for public travel and to protect natural resources after the fire. Forest roads within the burned area remain closed due to hazardous conditions which are expected to persist for some time. Fire suppression repair crews are removing severely burned trees that could easily fall onto roads. Crews are constructing water bars to divert future rainwater runoff and lessen erosion. Vegetation cut during fire suppression is being chipped and scattered on the landscape to prevent a fire hazard and to help absorb rainwater. Crews are removing excess fire equipment used during fire suppression, such as the 350 miles of hose laid throughout the fire.

A team of specialists has begun work on emergency stabilization measures. Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) is a rapid assessment of burned watersheds to identify imminent post-wildfire threats to human life and safety, property, and critical natural or cultural resources on National Forest System lands. It includes taking actions for immediate emergency stabilization before the first major storms. For further details on BAER please visit: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4126/>.

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

Forest Closures: Closure orders are currently in place for public safety.

Eldorado National Forest: The current closure order issued by the Eldorado National Forest allows access to popular recreation areas such as 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> .

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