



KING FIRE UPDATE

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Public information: 530-621-1201

Media information: 530-708-2724

Start Date: September 13, 2014

Containment: 95%

Estimated Containment Date: October 5, 2014

Cause: Arson

Size: 97,718 acres

Injuries: 11

Total Personnel Assigned: 2,451

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

Current Situation: The warmer and drier weather has aided firefighters in locating areas that are still burning near the perimeter of the fire. Residents should expect to continue to see and smell smoke from interior pockets of the fire. The increase in acreage is due to the burning of interior pockets.

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. Crews have repaired 18 miles of hand and dozer lines and 19 miles of roads used for fire suppression activities and removed excess fire equipment such as hose, pumps, and tanks.

Unified Command between the California Interagency Incident Management Team 1 and CAL FIRE will end at 7:00 AM tomorrow.

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/>.

Forest Closures:

Eldorado National Forest: Tuesday the Eldorado National Forest released a closure order reducing the size of the closure area. To view the news release, new closure order and map, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/n5ej7e8>

Tahoe National Forest: The Tahoe National Forest's road and trail closure order remains in effect and can be viewed at: <http://tinyurl.com/kg3dqyb>. Private property owners and lessees affected 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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