



# KING FIRE UPDATE

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**Start Date:** September 13, 2014

**Size:** 97,718 acres

**Containment:** 95%

**Injuries:** 11

**Estimated Containment Date:** October 5, 2014

**Total Personnel Assigned:** 2,451

**Cause:** Arson

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

**Current Situation:** Firefighters have completed fireline on two of the last three large areas of active fire near the fire's perimeter. Today firefighters will focus on the last remaining hot spot near the perimeter west of Loon Lake. Areas on the interior of the fire perimeter will continue to smolder and produce smoke as long as conditions remain warm and dry. The increase in acreage is due to the burning of interior pockets of vegetation.

Firefighters continue patrolling to identify and extinguish any remaining isolated hot spots near the perimeter.

Fire crews are removing hazardous trees, chipping brush and removing road debris to make roads safer for public travel. All forest roads within the burned area are still closed because of these hazardous conditions. 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. Much of this repair work in the northern part of the fire area has been completed.

Unified Command with CAL FIRE ended at 7:00 AM this morning. The fire is now being managed solely by California Interagency Incident Management Team 1.

A group of specialists continues working on emergency stabilization measures. The Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team is assessing burned watersheds to identify imminent post-fire threats to human life and safety, property, and critical natural or cultural resources on National Forest System lands. Actions will be taken 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>.

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