



# MARSHES

## TCU Incident Update #3

September 29, 2016 11:30 a.m.

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**Fire Information Line: 209/754-5527**

<b>Location:</b>	Marshes Flat Road at Hwy. 49, Moccasin	<b>County:</b>	Tuolumne
<b>Acres:</b>	1000	<b>% Containment:</b>	45%
<b>Start Date and Time:</b>	September 26, 2016 12:20 PM		
<b>Injuries:</b>	0		
<b>Cause:</b>	Vehicle parked in dry grass.		

### EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT ASSIGNED:

<b>Fire Engines:</b>	99	<b>Bulldozers:</b>	9	<b>Water Tenders:</b>	17	<b>Fire Crews:</b>	36
<b>Air Attack:</b>	1	<b>Air tankers:</b>	0	<b>Helicopters:</b>	4	<b>Total Personnel:</b>	1232

**Road Closures:** Hwy. 49 between Hwy. 120 and the Tuolumne-Mariposa County line remains closed. Hwy. 49 opened for single-lane traffic with a pilot car at 8:00 o'clock this morning. Marshes Flat Road open **to residents only**. The Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department is maintaining the roadblock.

**Current Situation:** Firefighters held the area burned on the Marshes fire at 1000 acres since yesterday. Containment is increasing as crews continue building and reinforcing many miles of fire line across difficult terrain and through dense brush. Much of the fire area has not burned in over thirty years, resulting in a major buildup of dead vegetation. Firefighters must also continuously watch for rattlesnakes and yellow jackets which survived the flames in underground burrows, and are now out and moving through the burn. Weather continues to be hot and dry, with higher winds expected over the area today.

Potential threat to 230 KV power lines from Moccasin Powerhouse still exists.

**Evacuations:** None.

**Cooperating Agencies:** Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department, CHP, PG&E, OES, BLM, CAL FIRE, CDCR, U.S. Forest Service, City and County of San Francisco – Hetch Hetchy Water & Power. Nearly 100 different agencies from at least three different states have sent equipment and/or personnel to this fire.

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