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South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team - Incident Commander Allen Johnson

**Wildland Fire Update - Thursday, July 30, 2009 @ 8 a.m.**  
**Knight Wildland Fire – Stanislaus National Forest**  
**10 % Containment**

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**Started:** Sunday, July 26, 2009 @ 3:35 pm **Cause:** Under Investigation

**Location:** 10 miles North of Twain Harte **Acres:** 1,643

**Estimated Containment:** 10% **Estimated Control:** unknown

**Estimated Costs:** \$1,342,400 **Injuries:** 1 Minor **Fuels:** Burning in heavy timber/brush

**Committed Resources:** 1,016 personnel **Fire Potential:** Extreme

**Personnel:** 22 Type I hand crews, 6 Type II hand crews, 9 Helicopters, 42 Engines, 12 Dozers, 12 Water Tenders, 121 Overhead, 6 Air tankers

**Major issues:** Steep, rocky inaccessible terrain, extreme fire behavior, active burning throughout night, hot, dry, low humidity.

**Significant events:** Aerial and ground forces showed an increase in acreage on the east and west flanks of the fire.

Today firefighters continue to battle the Knight Fire burning on the Stanislaus National Forest in the Middle Fork Stanislaus River Canyon. The Knight Fire remains active at night; however, firefighters have been able to gain 10% containment. The Knight fire is burning in inaccessible terrain in timber and brush. Steep and rocky terrain continues to impact the accessibility of the area as firefighters continue to battle extreme fire behavior and rough working conditions.

Forecasted fire weather conditions remain hot and dry with a continued high pressure over the region. Thunderstorms are forecasted to stay well east and not have an impact over the fire area. Good progress is being made in preparation for burning operations. Contingency line construction continues north of the fire on the ridge above the Middle Fork of the Stanislaus River.

Agencies represented on the fire include United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Kern County, CAL FIRE, Tuolumne County Emergency Personnel, Tuolumne County Fire, and Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department, Office of Emergency Services.

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