



49 FIRE

Incident Update

Monday, August 31, 2009, 6:00 p.m.
www.fire.ca.gov

Fire Information Line: 530-823-4083

Incident Name: 49 Fire

Location: Northeast of Auburn

Start Date & Report Time: August 30, 2009, 2:22 p.m.

Acres: 340 Acres

% Containment: 70%

Expected Containment: Tuesday, September 1

Fire Engines: 30

Fire Crews: 6

Bulldozers: 1

Helicopters: 0

Airtankers: 0

Total Personnel: 245

Injuries: 3

Structures Destroyed: 50 residences & 10 commercial structures **(Preliminary)**

Cause: Under Investigation

Current Situation: Firefighters continue to build and strengthen containment lines and put out hot spots. There remains a lot of heat in the interior of the perimeter.

Evacuations: As of 7 p.m. Monday, August 31, all evacuations on the 49 Fire will be lifted for residents with valid identification or proof of residency. County chaplains will be on hand for those residents whose homes were burned by the fire. Law enforcement officers will also have an increased patrol in the area.

PG&E crews continue to work to restore power and gas but many residences in the fire area remain without. To check on the status of power and gas, customers can contact 1-800-743-5000. Progress is being made in restoring electricity, all residents should have power restored by Wednesday afternoon. Utility Crews anticipate restoring gas to customers starting Wednesday evening.

Residents should remain cautious of fire personnel and equipment working in the area. There are also a number of other health and safety hazards throughout the fire area. For more tips and precautions when returning home in the fire zone, visit www.placer.ca.gov.

Road Closures: The following roads remain closed to non-residents:

- Rock Creek Rd East of Hwy 49
- Shale Ridge East of Hwy 49
- Locksley Lane East of Hwy 49
- Dry Creek from Blue Grass Dr to Hwy 49

Evacuation Centers: An evacuation shelter will remain open at the Auburn Recreation District Park gym on Richardson Ave in Auburn

Cooperating Agencies: CAL FIRE, USFS, CalEMA, Placer County Fire, Placer County Sheriff's Officer, PG&E, Red Cross and CHP.

Additional Information: Residents who need more information can go to www.fire.ca.gov or contact the 49 Fire Information Line at 530-823-4083.