



RIM FIRE INFORMATION

Update #23

Release for Friday, August 30, 2013/Time: 6:30 PM

Incident Statics

Acres Burned:	213,414 (333 square miles)	Structures Threatened:	4,500
Containment:	35%	Residences Destroyed:	11
Fire Start Date:	August 17, 2013	Commercial Property Destroyed:	3
Fire Cause:	Under Investigation	Outbuildings Destroyed:	97
Cost to date:	\$54 million	Injuries:	4
		Total Personnel	4,931

Fire Update

Multiple burning operations took place today. Crews burned on Pilot Ridge, Pilot Peak and Crocker Ridge in the southern portion of the fire. They also burned south from Hetch Hetchy toward Harden Lake on the eastern flank, near Hells Mountain on the north end of the fire. Airtankers and helicopters have been supporting the burning operations. Burning operations are used to “fight fire with fire” by removing fuel from the edge of firelines. Crews are also working to remove fuels next to firelines in front of burnouts that are expected to continue through the weekend. The removal of fuels is to reduce the intensity of the burnout. Tonight’s operations include continuation of burning operations, as well as providing structure defense.

Park and Forest Closures

Yosemite National Park has closed Tamarack Flat and Yosemite Creek Campgrounds, both located along Tioga Road. White Wolf Campground and White Wolf Lodge remain closed. The Stanislaus National Forest has issued an area closure for the entire Groveland Ranger District and for the Mi-Wok Ranger District east of Highway 108. Additional details are available from the Stanislaus Forest Supervisor's Office, 209-532-3671; Mi-Wok Ranger Station, (209) 586-3234; Summit Ranger Station, 209-965-3434; and Groveland Ranger Station, 209-962-7825.

Road Closures

Highway 120 remains closed from Buck Meadows to 1 ½ miles east of White Wolf. Highway 120 east/Tioga Road remains open from 1 ½ miles east of White Wolf to the Tioga Pass entrance. Cherry Lake Road is closed at Highway 120. Evergreen Road and Old Yosemite Road are also closed. Highway 120 from Ferretti Road to Buck Meadows remains open for local residents and businesses only.

Evacuations and Advisories

The Tuolumne County Sheriff’s Department on Thursday lifted the evacuation advisory for Tuolumne City, Soulsbyville and Willow Springs. The evacuation advisory remains in effect for Ponderosa Hills and areas east, along the south side of Highway 108 up to Pinecrest. An Evacuation Warning has been issued for all residences north of Bull Creek Road (Forest Road 2S02), Bondurant Mine Road, Texas Hill Road, and Wampum Hill. Residents living north of Old Yosemite Road (Forest Road 2S01) are under a Mandatory Evacuation. Highway 120 at the Yosemite National Park boundary west to Buck Meadows has been evacuated. Evacuation centers are at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora and at the Greeley Hill Community Center.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact the Rim Fire at 805-727-4775 or 805-727-4746 and Tuolumne City Rim Fire Information at 209-928-1059. If you have questions about Yosemite National Park call 209-372-0327 or 209-372-0329. Updated information is also available at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3660/>. All media are requested to report to the Incident Command Post to check in with the Public Information Officers.