



RIM FIRE INFORMATION

Update #31

Release for Tuesday, September 3, 2013 / Time: 6:30 PM

Incident Statistics

Acres Burned:	235,841 (368 square miles)	Structures Threatened:	4,500
Containment:	80%	Residences Destroyed:	11
Fire Start Date:	August 17, 2013	Commercial Property Destroyed:	3
Fire Cause:	Under Investigation	Outbuildings Destroyed:	97
Cost to date:	\$77 million	Injuries:	5
		Total Personnel	4,185

Fire Update

Very active fire behavior occurred again today on the East sides of the fire. This produced running surface fire with torching, crowning and spotting. Moderate rates of spread were observed both in advancing surface fire and backing fire. Heavy fuels continue to experience complete combustion with high probability of ignition. Wildland Fire Modules are assigned North of Cherry and Eleanor Lakes to monitor the fires advancement and contain spread in the rocky terrain where fingers of sparse fuels are present. Line construction with burnout is planned as necessary South of Harden Lake in Yosemite National Park. Continued burnout operations are planned in Yosemite National Park along Tioga Road as conditions allow. Additional burnout and reinforcement of control lines to the north/northwest of fire will continue. Patrol and mop up will continue as needed until significant moisture is received.

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

There are currently **NO** mandatory or advisory evacuation orders effective in Mariposa County. The evacuation advisory has been **lifted** for Ponderosa Hills and areas east, along the south side of Highway 108 up to Pinecrest. Highway 120 at the Yosemite National Park boundary west to Buck Meadows remains under evacuation.

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.