



News Release

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Red Flag Conditions Challenge Firefighters on “Rumsey” Fire

Rumsey – An extended “Red Flag” fire weather forecast is just one of the many challenges firefighters are facing on the “Rumsey” fire located near the Yolo/Napa County line just north of Lake Berryessa. The fire began at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 10th and is burning in inaccessible, steep terrain that is covered in heavy brush.

Red flag conditions were originally forecast for strong North winds and extremely dry conditions through Tuesday, October 12 at noon. The National Weather Service has expected the Red Flag warning to extend into Wednesday morning.

“The fire is being driven by the wind,” stated Incident Commander Tim Streblov.
“These strong, dry North wind conditions tend to peak in October, which is when we’ve experienced some of the state’s largest and most damaging fires.”

The Rumsey fire has burned 25,000 acres. No damage to homes has been reported but CDF’s Berryessa lookout has been destroyed. The fire is expected to be contained by Saturday, October 16th at 8:00 p.m.

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