



# Rough Fire Evening Update

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Fire Information Line: 559-549-4837

**Date Started: July 31, 2015**      **Cause: Lightning**      **Size: 140,760 acres**      **Containment: 67%**  
**Structures Destroyed: 3**      **Firefighter injuries to date: 7**      **Total Personnel: 3,741**  
**Fire Resources: 83 crews, 256 engines, 23 helicopters, 46 bulldozers, 75 water tenders**

**Fire Summary:** Weather continues to cooperate with fire suppression and mop up activities. The cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity has allowed Firefighters to make good progress throughout the day. Mop up, suppression repair, and backhauling equipment continues to be the focus in all zones.

## **SOUTH ZONE**      **Zone specific Fire Information is available at (559) 549-4837**

The South Zone Incident Command Post welcomed USFS Chief Thomas Tidwell this afternoon. The Chief visited Kings Canyon, with stops at Yucca Point and Drop Point 8. Chief Tidwell was also able to share a meal with the crews. Fire crews began suppression repair work in Cedar Grove. Structure wraps were removed and crews began removing miles of hose and equipment from the fire area. Structure wrap is reflective material used to seal structural openings and deflect radiant heat. Crews will continue to mop up and patrol the fire line.

## **WEST ZONE**      **Zone specific Fire Information is available at (925) 519-6303**

Firefighters started a firing operation today to complete the last section of open fire line in the West Zone. Aggressive mop-up was completed in the other active divisions. The weather continued to support fire suppression efforts. Warmer weather and lower humidities will occur in the fire area tomorrow. However, conditions will remain favorable for suppression activities. Burned trees will continue to be a significant safety issue for firefighters. The fire will continue to burn toward the Kings River and back into the burn area.

## **NORTH ZONE**      **Zone specific Fire Information is available at (559) 841-6248**

Containment is at 67% today and will likely continue to increase as firefighters complete fire control lines. With rain, cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity, fire activity on the North Zone was reduced to smoldering and creeping fire behavior. Firefighters remained busy throughout the day mopping up and completing fire control lines. Please note - there was not enough rain to put a fire of this size out and residual smoke will be visible. In the area south of Wishon, crews are performing fire line repair and removing nearly 9 miles of fire hose. That hose will be extracted, dried, cleaned and rolled for future use.

The Sierra National Forest, in pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, implemented a new Forest Closure by Dean Gould, Forest Supervisor on the North Zone of the Rough Fire. The purpose of the closure is to provide safety for the public and for the firefighters who are engaged in fire suppression activities. The closure will remain in effect until the fire fully suppressed.

**The latest Rough Fire Information can be found at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4456/>**

### **Additional Information:**

Sierra National Forest Closure Orders: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra/>

Sequoia National Forest Closure Orders: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia/>

Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyon National Park: <http://www.nps.gov/seki/index.htm>

Evacuation Notices: <http://www.fresnosheriff.org/>