



Rough Fire

August 19, 2015, 9:30am

Closures & Advisories:

- Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks issued a closure of the Cedar Grove area.
- Sierra National Forest issued a closure order for the Rough Fire Area.
- Sequoia National Forest issued a closure order for the Hume Lake and Monarch Wilderness.
- Black Rock Campground and Forest Road 11S12 (also called Black Rock Road) is closed between Balch Camp and Sawmill Flat.
- The Hume Lake area is closed, as is Hwy 180 beyond Grant Tree Road.

Please see InciWeb for more specific details.

Fire Size Today: 30,901 acres

Containment: 3%

1,141 Firefighters:

23 crews, 27 engines and 5 helicopters

Location:

Kings River Drainage, 5 miles North of Hume Lake and 2.5 miles southwest of Spanish Mountain

Fire is being managed on the Sierra National Forest, Sequoia National Forest, and Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks.

Started: 7/31/15 lightning caused

Management: South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team

Fire Restrictions: are in place for the Sierra National Forest. Campfires are only allowed in designated developed recreation sites

No campfires are allowed within the Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument.

Summary:

On Tuesday afternoon the Rough Fire spotted across the South Fork of the Kings River and crossed highway 180, in the area of Horseshoe Bend and became established in the Lockwood Creek Drainage. As a result of the fire crossing the river, the pre-planned evacuation of the Hume Lake area was implemented.

Over 2,500 campers, hikers, employees, and residents were notified and safely evacuated from Hume Lake Christian Camp, private cabins, campgrounds, and the surrounding area in just over 2 ½ hours.

Agencies and cooperators have been working together since the fire began on July 31, looking at various fire scenarios. As the fire reaches certain areas, actions are implemented to keep the public safe. Last week, the decision was made to close highway 180 and the Cedar Grove area. When the fire crossed the highway yesterday, the evacuation of Hume Lake was implemented.

Because of this preplanning and collaboration by the Sierra National Forest, Sequoia National Forest, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, California Highway Patrol, Fresno County Sheriff, Pacific Gas & Electric, Hume Lake Christian Camps, and others, everyone evacuated in a timely, orderly and safe fashion.

The California Highway Patrol and Caltrans has also moved the road closure, which had been located at the intersection of Highway 180 and Hume Lake Road. Highway 180 is now closed just north of Grant Tree Road. The General Grant Tree and the Grant Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park are open.

Successful preplanning on the part of the residents of Hume Lake was helped by the Ready, Set, Go! Program that encourages homeowners to be **Ready** before a fire occurs, **Set** as the fire approaches, and **Go** by acting early. For more information on the Ready, Set, Go! Program visit: <http://www.wildlandfirersg.org/>

Incident Information: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4456/>

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