



U.S. Forest Service
Pacific Southwest Region
Sierra National Forest
1600 Tollhouse RD
Clovis, CA 93611
(559) 297-0706
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra/>



Creek Fire Morning Update November 4, 2020

Incident Commander – Ed Sanford

Incident Start Date: Sept. 4, 2020; **Cause:** Under Investigation; **Acres:** 378,730; **Containment:** 70%

Expected Full Containment Date: 11/15/2020; **Engines:** 12; **Hand Crews:** 17; **Dozers:** 12; **Helicopters:** 6; **Water Tenders:** 34

Total Personnel: 896; **Firefighter injuries:** 27; **Structures threatened:** 105; **Structures Destroyed:** 856; **Structures Damaged:** 71

Public Meeting: A virtual public meeting will be held tonight at 7 p.m. The meeting will air live on the Sierra National Forest Facebook page (www.facebook.com/SierraNF) and Creek Fire YouTube channel (<https://bit.ly/2HhOSh8>). Join the Alaska IMT and Forest representatives for an update on the fire, predicted weather and suppression and repair activities. Questions submitted during the meeting will be answered live by subject matter experts.

Fire Activity: The northeast corner of the fire remains the primary focus for suppression, specifically in the area east of Pond Lilly Lake and the Middle Fork of the San Joaquin River, about 10 miles southwest of Mammoth. The fire is actively burning in that area and moving east up a drainage, fueled by a continuous stringer of pine and fir. There was about a 250-acre increase in acreage in that area Tuesday. Helicopters have been dipping water from Pond Lilly Lake to drop on that section of the fire to slow spread. On Tuesday, three helicopters dropped 69,500 gallons of water in that area. A 14-person suppression module from Inyo National Forest has been getting flown into or hiking into the area each day to monitor the fire and scout for opportunities to build contingency line in the event the fire moves to the northeast. A 20-person hotshot crew has been ordered to add to the mix to increase presence in the area. Natural barriers in the form of granite rock outcroppings, as well as the footprint of the 2018 Lion's Fire, is helping to slow northerly spread.

Suppression Repair: Crews and heavy equipment operators have completed repair on almost 400 of approximately 600 miles of fireline constructed during suppression work. As work is completed on the west side, equipment and personnel will be moved to the east side. Today, crews will be removing protective wrap that was put on cabins around Huntington Lake to fireproof them. Crews continue chipping brush and trees and removing hazard trees along roads.

Weather: Warm and dry conditions will continue through Thursday. A cold front will pass over the area Friday, preceded by strong westerly winds Thursday night into Friday. Ridge top gusts will near 50 mph. Winds will shift to north trailing the frontal passage Friday afternoon ushering in a very cold mass that will persist over the region through the weekend. There is the potential for a few waves of showers or snow showers that could impact higher elevations Friday.

Sierra National Forest Closures: For the latest information, please click on <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra/>

Inciweb: inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/7147/ **Twitter:** @Sierra_NF / **Facebook:** @sierranationalforest
Fire Information Line: 559-549-3781 (8 am to 9 pm daily)
2020.creek@firenet.gov

The Alaska Black Incident Management Team is implementing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in both the fire area and surrounding communities.