



Caldor Fire Daily Update October 3, 2021 - 8:00 AM PDT -



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CURRENT SITUATION

The Caldor Fire began on August 14, 2021, at 6:54PM four miles south of the Grizzly Flats community. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. The fire is currently 221,775 acres and is 91% contained. 782 structures have been destroyed, 35 structures are threatened, and 81 structures have been damaged. There are 1,438 personnel and 8 helicopters assigned to the incident. Full containment is expected for October 16, 2021.

NOTE: Today, Sunday, October 3 at 5:00PM will be the next Community Facebook live meeting. The following meeting will be on Wednesday, October 6 at 5:00PM. Due to decreased fire activity, future meetings are yet to be determined.

A ridge of high pressure is producing warm, dry air and light winds over the fire for the next couple of days with temperatures possibly reaching into the mid-80s. The area is currently experiencing increased smoke from the KNP Complex Fire which is expected to clear out in the next two days. Please refer to smoke outlook/air quality links below. Fire personnel continue to successfully respond to and eliminate persistent smokes which are predominately interior.

HWY 50 NOTE: It's day 50 of the fire and not a time to relax *safe practices*. In addition to fire crews working the perimeter of the fire, and especially along Hwy. 50, there are an additional 1000+ PGE crewmembers working to restore power to the communities. Expect intermittent road closures along Hwy. 50. Additionally, there are an increased number of visitors returning to the area to recreate, as well as more locals commuting to and from work as compared to when the fire began. ***Please watch your speed, our firefighters are national treasures.***

USDA FOREST SERVICE – FOREST CLOSURE INFORMATION

- **ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST:**
 - The forest-wide closure has been replaced with the Caldor Fire Closure. All roads, trails and facilities within the fire closure area remain closed.
For more information: [Forest Order 03-21-18](#) and [Eldorado NF Closure Information](#)
 - Expanded Fire Restrictions & Camping Restrictions: ALL fires are prohibited on the forest, including gas and propane. For more information: [Forest Order 03-21-16](#). Overnight camping is temporarily prohibited in the forest. For more information: [Forest Order 03-21-17](#).
- **LAKE TAHOE BASIN MANAGEMENT UNIT (LTBMU):**
 - Caldor Fire Emergency Closure (19-20-06) for portions of the LTBMU remains in effect through December 31, 2021. For more information: [LTBMU Fire Closure Order 19-20-06](#)
 - Backcountry closure (Forest Order 19-21-07) for the following areas: Desolation Wilderness, Meiss Backcountry, Barker Pass Road and McKinney/Rubicon Trail remains in effect until October 20, 2021. For more information: [LTBMU Backcountry Closure Order 19-21-07](#)

EVACUATION – ORDERS/WARNINGS

EL DORADO COUNTY – ORDERS

- **SOUTH ECHO** – South of Highway 50 starting at Camp Sacramento to the top of Echo Summit then proceeding due south to the Alpine County Line.

View the interactive evacuation zone and road closure map here: <https://tinyurl.com/ElDoradoEvac>

EL DORADO COUNTY - WARNINGS

- **NORTH ECHO** – North of Highway 50 between Twin Bridges and Echo Summit, extending to the north just past Upper Echo Lake.
- **TRIMMER** – The area east of Pioneer Trail to the Alpine County Line stopping south of Heavenly Ski Resort, excluding all residences off Pioneer Trail.
- **HELL HOLE** – Northeast of Highway 89, west of the Alpine County line, and south of Tahoe Paradise Golf Course
- **CAPLES CREEK** – This section is south of Highway 50 east of Kyburz up to 41 Milestone Tract and south all the way to Highway 88 between 1 mile east of Mormon Emigrant Trail up to Caples Lake following the County Line.
- **DESOLATION SOUTH** – Please refer to the following map: [Eldorado Evacuation Updates](#)

HOW WE KEEP INFORMED ABOUT THE SMOKE FROM FIRES

Smoke may just be part of everyday life for many of us in the west. On large fires, as well as prescribed burns, it has always been monitored through several federal and state agencies. It impacts our health, activities and lives.

Who assesses the smoke? The Caldor Fire team assigned an Air Resource Advisor to assist in forecasting wildland fire smoke. Air Resource Advisors are assigned to incidents to assist with understanding and predicting smoke impacts on the public and fire personnel. They analyze, summarize and communicate these impacts to incident teams, air quality regulators *and the public*.

How do they accomplish this assessment? They access air quality data by either installing or using permanent smoke monitors, identifying smoke concentrations, by modeling smoke dispersion, and through coordinating and cooperating with other agency partners.

How can I look for myself? You can access fire and smoke monitor information for your area here (wherever you are): [Fire and Smoke Map](#)

A smoke forecast is developed daily and provided to cooperators and the public. You can access these forecasts, called “Outlooks,” to see how smoke may impact your house, a child’s sporting event, or even your favorite hiking area. Smoke Outlooks for the Caldor fire are posted on the [California Smoke Blog](#) every morning and posted on information boards maintained by Public Information Officers.

Locally, specifically for the Lake Tahoe Basin, you can check on your smoke outlook/air quality here: <https://fires.airfire.org/outlooks/LakeTahoeBasin#SLakeTahoe>

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