



# Caldor Fire Daily Update October 5, 2021 - 8:00 AM PDT -



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## REVIEW AND CURRENT SITUATION

The Caldor Fire began on the Eldorado National Forest on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 52 days ago. Growing quickly, the fire exceeded initial attack capabilities. Driven by hot, dry winds through historically dry forests, the fire grew 18,000 to 22,000 acres daily for the first three days. On August 17<sup>th</sup> a Forest Closure Order was issued for the Eldorado National Forest which lasted through September 30<sup>th</sup> at which point it was replaced with a forest closure tied more closely to the threats posed by the Caldor Fire.

Due to the long-range spotting which occurred on August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, the fire crossed Hwy 50 and became established in the South Fork of the American River. Continued upslope westerly winds pushed the fire east over Echo Summit and into the Community of South Lake Tahoe, causing significant impacts to tourism and widespread evacuation orders. At its peak, an estimated 49,800 people were evacuated from their homes, 32,000 structures were threatened and 4500 firefighters were committed to stopping the fire and protecting lives and property. By the time firefighters were able to stop the growth of the fire, 782 structures had been destroyed and 81 structures had been damaged. As of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the fire has burned 221,775 acres and is 93% contained. Currently there are 1,321 firefighters working on suppression and repair.

**ALL CALDOR FIRE EVACUATION WARNINGS AND ORDERS - WITHIN ELDORADO COUNTY - HAVE BEEN LIFTED**

**FOREST CLOSURES REMAIN IN EFFECT**

**The next Community Facebook Live meeting will be tomorrow (Wednesday, October 6th).**

Expect cooler temps and increased moisture. The area continues to experience smoke from increased activity on the KNP Complex Fire. Expect smoke to clear tomorrow. For air quality information visit: [fire.airnow.gov](http://fire.airnow.gov). Hot spots remain and suppression actions continue *and suppression efforts remain a priority*. The forest remains deceptively dry and it continues to be at high risk for fire. An abandoned campfire was recently extinguished inside the forest closure. Please respect the Forest Closure. Approximately 85% of wildland fires are human caused with abandoned campfires being one of the leading causes.

**SAFETY NOTE:** It's day 52 of the fire and despite conditions improving, it's not a time to relax *safe practices*. In addition to fire crews working the edge of the fire along Highways 50, 89 and 88, there are an additional 1000+ Pacific Gas & Electric crewmembers working to restore power to the communities. Expect intermittent road closures throughout the fire area.

***Please maintain your SITUATIONAL AWARENESS, watch your speed and make driving safety a priority.***

### USDA FOREST SERVICE – ALL CLOSURES REMAIN IN PLACE

- **ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST:**
  - **All roads, trails and facilities within the fire closure area remain closed.**  
For more info: [Forest Order 03-21-18](#) and [Eldorado NF Closure Information](#)
  - **ALL fires are prohibited on the forest, including gas and propane.** For more info: [Forest Order 03-21-16](#).  
Overnight camping is temporarily prohibited in the forest. For more info: [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 info: [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 info: [LTBMU Backcountry Closure Order 19-21-07](#)