



FERGUSON FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 7/18/2018 Time: 7:00 p.m.

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INCIDENT FACTS

Incident Start Date: 7/13/2018	Incident Start Time: 9:36 p.m.	
Incident Type: Vegetation Fire	Cause: Under Investigation	
Incident Location: Merced River Canyon		
Unified Command Agencies: CAL FIRE, US Forest Service, Mariposa County Sheriff		
Size: 17,319 acres	Containment: 5%	Expected Full Containment: Unknown
Civilian Injuries: 0	Firefighter Injuries: 2	
Civilian Fatalities: 0	Firefighter Fatalities: 1	
Structures Threatened: 108	Structures Destroyed: 0	Structures Damaged: 0

CURRENT SITUATION

Situation Summary:	<p>As expected, hot and dry conditions persisted throughout the day. While the smoke lifted early, it re-settled in the late afternoon, again hampering visibility and grounding aircraft. Some thunderstorms were observed on the east side of the Sierra Nevada, but they had little effect on the fires growth. The fire continued to expand southeasterly. As of 6:00 P.M., no structures have been reported damaged or destroyed by the Ferguson Fire.</p> <p>Firefighters continued working today to build handline Southeast from the main fork of the Merced River along Henness Ridge to prevent fire spread toward the community of Yosemite West. They were able to tie that line into those being constructed from the Wawona Road. Crews reinforced lines around structures in Jerseydale/Mariposa Pines, and conducted suppression actions to secure lines to the west and south of the community. The fire continues to back slowly north on Ferguson Ridge, and down into Sweetwater Creek. Handline has been completed along the top of Sweetwater Ridge. Fire crews were successful completing containment lines from west of Indian Flat to west of Cedar Lodge, and crews have worked to control fire spread along Cold Creek. The fire is expected to continue to move east across the slope through the night.</p> <p>Tonight, crews will continue to reinforce lines along Sweetwater Ridge and to strengthen and improve dozer and handlines constructed during the day.</p> <p>Monsoonal moisture is expected to continue to move through the area for the next few days, bringing a potential for afternoon thunderstorms and gusty, erratic winds. The South Central Sierra Incident Management Team will transition management of the Ferguson Fire to California Team 4, a Type 1 Incident Management Team, at 6:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 19, 2018.</p>
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Mandatory Evacuations:	Mandatory Evacuations: Areas that are currently under a mandatory evacuation include: Incline Rd from Foresta Bridge to the last BLM campground; Jerseydale/ Mariposa Pines; Cedar Lodge/ Indian Flat Campground, Savage's Trading Post and Sweetwater Ridge.
Evacuation Advisory:	<p>Evacuation Advisory: This is NOT an Evacuation Order. This is an advisement only of a potential Evacuation Order should conditions change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yosemite West • Lushmeadows Community • Ponderosa Basin Community • Triangle Rd from Jerseydale Rd to Hwy 49 South including all side roads. • Darrah Rd from Triangle to Sherrod Rd • East side of Hwy 49S from Darrah Rd to Harris Rd- This includes Boyer Rd, Woodland Area, Wass Rd, Tip Top Rd • National Park Service El Portal Complex • Rancheria Flat- Government Housing • El Portal Trailer Court • Old El Portal
Evacuation Center(s):	New Life Christian Fellowship: 5089 Cole Rd, Mariposa, CA 95338
Road Closures:	Highway 140 is closed from Abbie Rd in El Portal to 1.5 miles North of Midpines. Incline Rd, River Road from Briceburg to the gate at Railroad Flat and all Campground areas closed. Hites Cove / Jerseydale Rd.
Animal Evac. Center(s):	<p>Small Animal Shelter: SPCA of Mariposa County: 5599 CA-49, Mariposa, CA 95338</p> <p>Large Animal Shelter: Mariposa County Fairgrounds: 5007 Fairgrounds Rd, Mariposa, CA 95338</p>

ASSIGNED RESOURCES

Engines: 166	Water Tenders: 21	Helicopters: 18	Hand Crews: 55	Dozers: 29
Total Personnel: 2149				
Air Tankers:	Numerous firefighting air tankers from throughout the State are flying fire suppression missions as conditions allow.			
Cooperating Agencies: Mariposa County Sheriff's Office; CAL OES; California Highway Patrol; CALTRANS; California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; American Red Cross; National Weather Service; California Conservation Corps; BLM, and additional agencies throughout the state				

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