



CALDOR FIRE
INCIDENT UPDATE
Date: 9/21/2021 Time: 8:00AM



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Information Line: (530) 303-2455

Media Line: (530) 497-0315

Incident Websites: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7801>

Email Updates (sign-up): <https://tinyurl.com/CaldorSignUp>

El Dorado County Evacuation Map: <https://tinyurl.com/EDSOEvacMap>

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| Incident Start Date: August 14, 2021 | | | | | Incident Start Time: 6:54 P.M. | | | | |
| Incident Type: Wildland Fire | | | | | Cause: Under Investigation | | | | |
| Incident Location: 2 miles east of Omo Ranch, 4 miles south of the community of Grizzly Flats | | | | | | | | | |
| Size: | 219,231 | | Containment: | 76% | | Expected Full Containment: | | September 27, 2021 | |
| Structures Threatened: | | | 5,465 | | | Structures Damaged: | | 81 | |
| Single Residences Destroyed: | | 782 | Commercial Properties Destroyed: | | | 18 | Other Minor Structures Destroyed: | | 203 |
| ASSIGNED RESOURCES | | | | | | | | | |
| Engines: | 87 | Water Tenders: | 45 | Helicopters: | 8 | Hand Crews: | 33 | Dozers: | 33 |
| Other: | | 58 | | | Total Personnel: | | | 1,534 | |
| CURRENT SITUATION | | | | | | | | | |

Downslope winds continued throughout the night and into this morning, with this increase firefighters saw elevated fire activity in the early morning hours northeast of Caples Lake. Single and group tree torching, and uphill runs caused an increase in fire size. Crews engaged when and where safe, working to extinguish these heat sources.

It has been challenging and slow going in areas where there is uncontained fire due to the steep and rocky terrain. Crews will continue to secure and strengthen these lines utilizing water dropping aircraft and mobile retardant to support perimeter control efforts. As weather conditions to improve, crews will re-engage in some suppression repair activities when safe for these crews.

By midday winds will become southwest at 13-18 mph. Warm and dry weather conditions will persist with relative humidity dipping into the low teens to upper single digits, while temperatures warm into the upper 70s to low 80s.

The Highway 50 corridor is fully open to the public as of 8a.m. If your property is on forest service land, please contact the forest service for access details. Forest closures for Eldorado National Forest and Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit remain in place. We ask that those traveling through the area be cautious of fire personnel, utility workers, and heavy equipment working in the area and proceed with care not only for your safety but the safety of fire personnel. Remain alert for changes in fire activity and be prepared to stop if needed.

Information packets can be obtained from EDSO at the Fresh Pond Chevron parking lot - 7720 US 50, Pollock Pines from 8am-4pm, after which time the packets will be available at the Sheriff's Office at 200 Industrial Drive, Diamond Springs.

USFS FOREST CLOSURE INFORMATION

- **Eldorado National Forest:** The Eldorado National Forest forest-wide closure (03-21-14) remains in effect until September 30. Access and orders will be refined over time. MORE: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/eldorado/>
- **LTBMU:** Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Caldor Fire Emergency Closure (19-20-06) has been extended for the following areas: Desolation Wilderness, Meiss Country, Barker Pass and McKinney/Rubicon through December 31, 2021. Access and orders will be refined over time.

A **Burned Area Emergency Response Team (BAER)** continues evaluating the Caldor Fire area. This is a rapid assessment of burned watersheds by a BAER team to identify imminent post-wildfire threats to human life and safety, property, and critical natural or cultural resources on National Forest System lands and take immediate actions to implement emergency stabilization measures before the first post-fire damaging events.

EVACUATIONS AMADOR COUNTY

AMADOR COUNTY – WARNING

- **ZONE 4A-** South of Highway 88 along the Amador/El Dorado County Line from Dufrene Road, north of the line due East from Dufrene Road to the Amador/Alpine County Line, west of the line due south from Highway 88 to the east end of Salt Springs Reservoir.
- **ZONE 5A-** South of Highway 88 along the Amador/El Dorado County Line, north of the line due east from Dufrene Road to the Amador/Alpine County Line, east of the line due south from Highway 88 to the east end of Salt Springs Reservoir, west of the Amador/Alpine County Line.

View the interactive evacuation map here: <https://tinyurl.com/AmadorEvac>

EVACUATIONS EL DORADO COUNTY

EL DORADO COUNTY – ORDER

- **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** - This section extends south of the Placer County Line in the area of the Rubicon Trail between Spider Lake and Sourdough Hill and extends south into Desolation Wilderness all the way to Highway 50 to include the areas of Rockbound Lake, Rubicon Reservoir, Highland Lake, Horseshoe Lake, Schmidell Lake and Twin Lakes south to Highway 50 between Wrights Lake Road and Twin Bridges. The eastern edge of this area is in line with Clyde Lake and Pyramid Lake.
- **DESOLATION EAST** - The area north of Echo Lake, following the Desolation Wilderness north staying west of Fallen Leaf Lake, Cascade Lake and Emerald Bay up to the Placer County Line
- **DESOLATION NORTH** - This is the area of Desolation Wilderness south of the Placer County Line extending to Emerald Bay but staying within Desolation Wilderness.
- **HEAVENLY** - The entire Heavenly property and lands, extending northeast to the Alpine County Line and to the Nevada State line.
- **HELL HOLE** - Northeast of Highway 89, west of the Alpine County line, and south of Tahoe Paradise Golf Course
- **NORTH ECHO** - North of Highway 50 between Twin Bridges and Echo Summit, extending to the north just past Upper Echo Lake.

- **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.
- **TRIMMER** - The area east of Pioneer Trail to the Alpine County Line stopping south of Heavenly Ski Resort, excluding all residences off Pioneer Trail.

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

EL DORADO COUNTY WARNINGS

- **MET TO HWY 88** - South of Mormon Emigrant Trail to Highway 88. West on Highway 88 to Hams Station.
- **US 50 SOUTH TO KYBURZ** - South of Highway 50 from Ice House Road to Silver Fork Road, to include the community of Kyburz, excluding the area south of the south fork of the American River. East of Mormon Emigrant Trail to Highway 88.
- **Crystal Basin B:** From Ice House Road east to the border of desolation wilderness and from the Placer County line, south to Granite Springs Road and the area south of Granite Springs Road to Highway 50 at Wrights Lake Road
- **CHRISTMAS VALLEY** - All residences accessed from Highway 89 south of Highway 50 in Meyers through Christmas Valley and including all of South Upper Truckee.
- **SLY TO 36 MILESTONE**

ALPINE EVACUATION WARNINGS

- **21A** – Highway 89 at Pickett’s Junction west to the Alpine/El Dorado County Line
- **Zone 22A** – Pickett’s Junction Northeast to Fay Luther Canyon
 - a. Horse Thief Canyon to Fay Luther Canyon

View the interactive evacuation map here: <https://tinyurl.com/AlpineEvac>

COOPERATING AGENCIES

Alpine County Sheriff's Department, Amador County Sheriff's Office, AT&T, Barton Health, Cal EMSA, Cal Guard, Cal OES Fire, Cal Trans, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Campora, Carson City BLM, CCC, CDCR, CHP, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, El Dorado County Dept of Agriculture, El Dorado County Dept of Planning and Building, El Dorado County DOT, El Dorado County EMSA, El Dorado County Fire, El Dorado County OES, El Dorado County Office of Education, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, El Dorado Hills FD, El Dorado Irrigation District, Fallen Leaf CSD Fire Department, Grizzly Flats Community Services District, Heavenly Ski Resort, Kirkwood Mountain Resort, Liberty Utilities, Marshall Medical Center, Mosquito Fire Department, Nevada Department of Emergency Management, Nevada Department of Public Safety, Nevada Department of Transportation, Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Nevada Division of Forestry, Nevada Highway Patrol, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, NV Energy, Paragon Gaming LLC, PG&E, Pioneer FD, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians FD, Sierra-at-Tahoe, SMUD, South Lake Tahoe EOC, South Lake Tahoe Fire Department, South Lake Tahoe Police Department, South Lake Tahoe Public Utility, District, SWRCB, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District, Verizon, Volcano Telephone, Washoe Emergency Operations Center, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

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