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CALDOR FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9/22/2021 Time: 8:00AM

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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>

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:		220,548		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:		89	Water Tenders:		45	Helicopters:		8	Hand Crews:		26	Dozers:	33
Other:			58			Total Personnel:			1,555				
CURRENT SITUATION													

Low humidity levels and gusty winds persisted throughout the evening, making it another active night for crews working in the wind-impacted areas. As the fire continues to make upslope runs, torching and spotting will be observed in the Strawberry Creek drainage. Crews are actively engaged from the ground and air when and where safe. In anticipation of higher humidity and lessening winds tomorrow, firefighters are preparing to conduct strategic firing operations later this week. Information provided by the Caldor Fire Behavior Analyst supports this strategy.

We will continue to order new resources with the anticipation of stronger winds and a shift in wind direction toward the weekend. Ground and aerial crews will work vigorously to tie existing handlines into natural terrain features and construct new containment line in the Desolation Wilderness. Increasingly challenging fire behavior combined with steep and rugged terrain continue to make access to the uncontained lines of the fire a perpetually difficult and slow-going operation.

Hot, dry and breezy conditions are expected over the fire for the next few days. Thirty mph southwest winds will gust along the ridges in the afternoon. Temperatures will warm into the 70s and 80s, with low relative humidity into the teens and low 20s.

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 information:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/eldorado/>

- **Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit:** Backcountry Closure [Forest Order 19-21-07 including maps](#) - in effect through October 20, 2021
- **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.

See Caldor Post Fire BEAR Inciweb site: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7842/>

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 OES Fire, Cal Trans, CCC, CDCR, CHP, El Dorado County Dept of Agriculture, El Dorado County DOT, El Dorado County EMSA, El Dorado County Fire, El Dorado County OES, El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office, El Dorado Irrigation District, Heavenly Ski Resort, Kirkwood Mountain Resort, Liberty Utilities, Marshall Medical Center, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, North 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, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District, Verizon, Volcano Telephone, Washoe Emergency Operations Center, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

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