



# Caldor Fire Incident Update September 27, 2021



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## INCIDENT FACTS

**Unified Command Agencies:** CAIIMT 12; Eldorado National Forest and Tahoe Basin Management Unit

**Incident Location:** 2 miles east of Omo Ranch, 4 miles south of Grizzly Flats community

**Incident Start Date:** August 14, 2021

**Incident Start Time:** 6:54 PM

**Incident Type:** Wildland Fire

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Size:** 221,774 Acres

**Containment:** 76%

**Expected Full Containment:** 10/16/2021

**Structures Threatened:** 1,353

**Structures Damaged:** 81

**Single Residences Destroyed:** 782

**Total Personnel:** 1,490

**Helicopters:** 10

## CURRENT SITUATION

Last night, crews were on call to respond to reports of heat and smoke. A strike team responded to and extinguished a heat signature off highway 50. Heat was also reported in Division Romeo early this morning, and crews are on scene to investigate.

We are currently under a Red Flag Warning through 5:00am Tuesday, September 28 due to low humidity and high winds. Southwesterly gusts along the ridgetops are expected to peak between 40 and 60 mph by late this evening. The region is in a critical fire weather period; fire personnel are prepared responding accordingly.

Fire behavior will intensify with the increasing winds, leading to increased smoke production and burning in the interior of the fire's footprint. These conditions can cause fires to move quickly and transition from the ground to the canopy. Incident command is coordinating with CalFire and local municipal agencies to place additional resources in tactical patrol within the Lake Tahoe Basin and the Placerville areas to secure control and containment lines. Crews are also prepared to respond to spot fires, where winds carry hot embers long distances and cause fires outside of control lines.

Southwesterly winds may push smoke into the Lake Tahoe area, and residents may see decreasing visibility and air quality throughout the day.

The incident is currently undergoing a transition: California Interagency Incident Management Team 12 will be handing off to California Interagency Incident Management Team 13 on Wednesday, September 29 at 7:00am. Incident commander Michael Nobles will be transferring command to Incident commander Michael Wakowski.

## USDA FOREST SERVICE

### FOREST CLOSURE INFORMATION

- **ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST:** A 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:**
  - **Caldor Fire Emergency Closure (19-20-06)** for portions of the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit remains in effect through December 31, 2021. Access and orders will be refined over time. More Information: [LTBMU Emergency Fire Closure Forest Order 19-21-06 - InciWeb the Incident Information System \(nwcg.gov\)](https://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov/photos/CAENF/2021-08-15-0910-Caldor-Fire/related_files/pict20210821-104121-0.pdf)
  - **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. More information including maps: [https://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov/photos/CAENF/2021-08-15-0910-Caldor-Fire/related\\_files/pict20210821-104121-0.pdf](https://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov/photos/CAENF/2021-08-15-0910-Caldor-Fire/related_files/pict20210821-104121-0.pdf)
- **BURNED AREA EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (BAER):** A BAER team continues work in 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 event.

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

## EVACUATIONS

### **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>

### **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.
- **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**

- **HEAVENLY** – East of Pioneer Trail between Larch and Al Tahoe, to include the area of Heavenly Ski Resort out to the Alpine County Line and the Nevada State line on the east.
- **MET TO HWY 88** – South of Mormon Emigrant Trail to Highway 88. Weston 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**

- **ZONE 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 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, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District, Verizon, Volcano Telephone, Washoe Emergency Operations Center, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.*

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