



# Creek Fire Incident Update

Date: 10/01/20 Time: 7:00PM



Public Information /North Zone Media : 844-668-3473  
 South Zone/ Fresno Media line: 559-790-6374  
 Incident Email: [Creekfire2020@gmail.com](mailto:Creekfire2020@gmail.com)  
 Incident Websites: [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov)  
 Https: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7147/>


## INCIDENT FACTS

<b>Incident Start Date:</b> 09/04/2020		<b>Incident Start Time:</b> 6:33 P.M.	
<b>Incident Type:</b> Wildland Fire		<b>Cause:</b> Under Investigation	
<b>Incident Location:</b> Both sides of the San Joaquin River near Mammoth Pool, Shaver Lake, Big Creek and Huntington Lake.			
<b>Forest/CAL FIRE Units:</b> Sierra National Forest, CAL FIRE Units: Fresno-Kings, Madera-Mariposa-Merced			
<b>Unified Command Agencies:</b> US Forest Service, CAL FIRE, Fresno County Sheriff, Madera County Sheriff			
<b>Size:</b> 309,796 Acres	<b>Containment:</b> 44%	<b>Expected Full Containment:</b> 10/31/2020	
<b>Civilian Injuries:</b> 0	<b>Fatalities:</b> 0	<b>Firefighter Injuries:</b> 9 (minor)	<b>Fatalities:</b> 0
<b>Structures Threatened:</b> 4,576	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b> 856	<b>Structures Damaged:</b> 71	

## CURRENT SITUATION

<b>Current Situation:</b>	<p><b><u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u></b></p> <p>The reported fire growth was 2,745 acres on the Creek Fire during today's operational period and the containment remained at 44%. There was report of one minor injury to a firefighter during today's operational period.</p> <p>Strong high pressure provided a warm and dry, but stable fire environment. Poor overall ventilation to the southern and eastern portions of the fire supported smoke shading through daylight hours. Light winds again promoted slow, steady, active fire spread where fuel continuity was intact. Deep seated fire in heavy fuels continues to advance through moderately high intensity surface area.</p> <p>As areas under evacuation warning and orders are repopulated residents, business owners and others returning to the area must do so safely. Emergency personnel and equipment continue to work in the area. Please be cautious and drive safely.</p> <p><b><u>NORTH ZONE</u></b></p> <p>Continued hot and dry weather under high pressure, low Rh recovery will maintain potential for scattered flare ups, short range spotting, and undermining of tree roots. Uncontained fire edge will move up farther in the rocks and stall out. Movement of</p>
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	<p>eastern edge of fire towards the Pincushion MAP is limited by lack of (detected) heat, rock out-crops, scattered fuels and steep terrain. Potential remains for movement to the North into the wilderness.</p> <p><b><u>SOUTH ZONE</u></b>  Active fire behavior. A relatively static weather pattern will again support seasonally drought stressed fuels contributing to active fire behavior in all size classes. Anticipate containment challenges associated with steep terrain and increased wind speeds along the exposed higher elevations of the fire.</p> <p>Containment remains a priority, and handcrews will be deployed in areas where heavy equipment (i.e. bulldozers) cannot be utilized due to challenging terrain.</p> <p>Operationally, the Incident Command Post at Sierra High School has been relocated to the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building at 808 4<sup>th</sup> St. Clovis Ca. 93612. With this move, Information and support will continue in place at the Sierra High School. South Zone Media Line (559)790-6374 continues to be available for support of the community and media needs related to the Creek Fire Incident.</p> <p><b><u>WEATHER INFORMATION</u></b>  An unseasonably strong ridge of high pressure has matured with a strengthening and lowering inversion. In addition to trapping smoke, this has exposed midslopes and ridges to very low humidity levels late nights to early mornings; and the fire zone in general during peak heating hours. Temperatures are more than ten degrees above average. Very dry conditions and light terrain driven diurnal winds will continue with poor humidity recovery again expected overnight along thermal belt areas. Smoke transport will follow diurnal winds with upslope transport during the afternoon and smoke returning to lower elevations with downslope/down drainage flows overnight.</p>
<b>Bullfrog Fire Information</b>	<p>The Bullfrog Fire is burning on the Sierra National Forest but is not related to the Creek Fire. An Inciweb page has been established for the fire. To view information open the following link: <a href="#">Sierra National Forest Bullfrog Fire</a></p>
<b>Sign Up for Emergency Alerts</b>	<p><b>Fresno County</b>  Fresno County Emergency Alerts – <a href="#">Fresno Co. Everbridge alerts</a></p> <p><b>Madera County</b>  Madera County Emergency Warning Systems - <a href="#">mcalert.org</a></p> <p><b>Mariposa County</b>  Mariposa County Sheriff Office - <a href="#">msoalert.com</a></p>
<b>Damage Assessment</b>	<p><b>Fresno County</b>  To view an interactive damage assessment map for Fresno County open the following link: <a href="#">Fresno County Damage Assessment Map</a></p> <p><b>Madera County</b>  The Madera County Sheriff’s Office is contacting property owners directly.</p>
<b>National Park Closures</b>	<p>Yosemite National Park reopened September 25, 2020. For specific park information please visit <a href="#">National Park Service – Yosemite</a>.</p>

<p><b>National Forest Closures</b></p>	<p>The USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region announces increased access to some National Forests in California beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2020.</p> <p>Nine National Forests in California remain closed: Angeles NF, Cleveland NF, Los Padres NF, Inyo NF, Klamath NF, San Bernardino NF, Sequoia NF, Sierra NF, and Six Rivers NF. This decision will continue to be reviewed daily with evolving fire and weather conditions.</p> <p>Nine other National Forests may open to varying degrees. Visitors should contact the following National Forests for more information on their status: Eldorado NF, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Lassen NF, Mendocino NF, Modoc NF, Plumas NF, Shasta-Trinity NF, Stanislaus NF, and the Tahoe NF. These forests will implement their own forest orders that will either limit dispersed use or provide for area closures around fires.</p> <p>Conditions can change quickly. Therefore, we emphasize that all citizens heed local announcements for changes in conditions and potential evacuations.</p> <p>For additional questions, please contact your <a href="#">National Forest</a>.</p>	
<p><b>Evacuation Map</b></p>	<p>To view an interactive map of Creek Fire evacuations for Fresno and Madera Counties open the following link:</p> <p><a href="#">Creek Fire Evacuation Map</a></p>	<p>Or scan the QR code:</p> 
<p><b>Evacuation Zones</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Following are written descriptions of Fresno County Evacuation Zones</b></span></p>		
<p><b>Evacuation Zones: Orders are indicated by red</b></p>	<p><b>Fresno County</b></p> <p><b>Zone F7D:</b> Contains both sides of Huntington Lake Road, east of it's intersection with Old Railroad Grade Road, and west of it's intersection with Camp Sierra Road. The zone extends north to exclude the properties off of Stump Springs Road. The east boundary ends west of the Big Creek Fire Station.</p> <p><b>Zone F9G:</b> This zone's west boundary is roughly a third of a mile east of China Peak Mountain Resort. The north boundary runs north of Black Butte Mountain. The south boundary is one mile north of Red mountain.</p> <p><b>Zone F10A:</b> South Boundary is Huntington Lake Road and Kaiser Pass road, including the Kokanee Campground and Eastwood Sno-Park. The west boundary is Potter Creek and Potter Pass. The north boundary is Kaiser Pass Road at the fork to Sample Meadow. The east boundary includes all of Kaiser Pass Road and ends at White Bark Vista.</p> <p><b>Zone F10B:</b> The south boundary includes both sides of Kaiser Pass Road, north of White Bark Vista. Also included within the south boundary is Mono Hot springs and Bear Ridge. The north boundary includes all of Edison Lake and ends south of Devils Bathtub. The east boundary ends at the National Forest line.</p> <p><b>Zone F11A:</b> The south boundary includes the end of Huntington Lodge Road as well as properties that lay south of the intersection of Huntington Lake Road and Black Point Road. The west boundary lays just east of Mushroom Rock. The north boundary includes</p>	

	<p>properties off of Huntington Lake Road from its intersection with Black Point Road to Huntington Lake Road's intersection with Bear Creek Tract. The east boundary includes the north shoreline of Huntington lake until (excluding) Bear Creek Tract.</p> <p><b>Zone F11D:</b> This zone contains the predominately wilderness that lays north of Huntington Lake. The south boundary begins near the end of the developments of Lakeshore. The west boundary lays just east of Nellie Lake. The north boundary is about one mile north of Long Lake. The east boundary is at Potter Pass as well as just west of Potter Creek to the south of this zone.</p> <p><b>Zone F12A:</b> Contains wilderness land south of Cockscomb and Pincushion Peak, north of Edison Lake.</p> <p><b>Zone F12B:</b> Zone contains Pincushion Peak, Cockscomb, Silver Peak, Graveyard Peak, and Double Peak East.</p>
<p><b>Road Closures:</b></p>	<p><b>Fresno County:</b> Hwy 168 at South Fork Tamarack Creek Rd.</p> <p><b>Madera County:</b> Cascadel Road at Autumn Ridge Way – Hard Closure, Level 2 Mammoth Road at 59701 Mammoth Road (fire line) – Hard Closure Level 2 Road 274 at Putney Place – Residents Only, Level 1 Douglas Ranger Station Road at Mill Site – Residents Only, Level 1 Beasore Road at Road 274 – Hard Closure, Level 2 Road 274 at Central Camp Road – Hard Closure, Level 2 Road 432 at Road 331 – Residents Only, Level 1 Road 274 at Raod 331 – Residents Only, Level 1 Road 632 at Buckskin Lane – Hard Closure, Level 2</p>
<p><b>Fresno County Resources:</b></p>	<p><b>Fresno County:</b> The County of Fresno has opened a multi-agency Local Assistance Center (LAC) at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District located at 808 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Clovis, CA 93612 to support residents impacted by the Creek Fire as part of the ongoing recovery process.</p> <p>The LAC will be open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. until further notice. This center will serve as a one-stop shop to help connect residents and property owners with assistance and resources available through a variety of state and local agencies. Available resources include, and are not limited to, critical document replacement services, social services, economic recovery and financial services, motor vehicle services, healthcare, mental health services and Red Cross.</p> <p>Residents and property owners seeking in-person assistance at the LAC will be reminded to practice COVID-19 prevention measures including wearing a face covering and maintaining social distancing.</p> <p>Additional information regarding the Creek Fire can be found at <a href="https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/fresno-county-emergency">https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/fresno-county-emergency</a></p>



**Fresno County Resource Call Center**  
559-600-INFO

**Animal Evacuation Centers:**

**The Fresno Humane Society has established lost and found animal call line at (559) 600-PETS.**

**Fresno County:**

Small animals: Fresno Fairgrounds in the Commerce Building (the shelter at Granite Ridge was closed on Wednesday).

Large animals: The Fresno Fairgrounds - 1121 S Chance Ave, Fresno, CA 93702

Please contact the Central California Animal Disaster Team (1-888-402-2238) to finalize arrangements so you can be received at the Fairgrounds, or if you need assistance feeding animals at home within an evacuation zone.

**Madera County:**

Residents in Madera County needing assistance with animals should call (559) 675-7892

Large Animals: Coarsegold Rodeo Grounds 44777 Rodeo Grounds Lane, Coarsegold, CA

Large animals: Producer's Livestock Facility at Madera at Farm Bureau in Madera, CA

**ASSIGNED RESOURCES**

**Engines:** 167

**Water Tenders:** 33

**Helicopters:** 11

**Hand Crews:** 38

**Dozers:** 12

**Total Personnel:** 1949

**Air Tankers:**

Air tankers are shared between incidents and used as priorities and availability dictate.

**Cooperating Agencies North Zone:**

Madera County, Madera County Public Health, Madera County Fire, OES, CHP, Cal Trans, National Park Service, PG&E, CDCR, Southern California Edison, American Red Cross, California National Guard, California Air National Guard, Caltrans, U.S. Marine Corp of the 7<sup>th</sup> Engineering Support Battalion

**Cooperating Agencies South Zone:**

Fresno County, Fresno County Public Health, Fresno County OES, OES, Shaver Lake Fire Department, Bald Mountain Fire Protection District, Auberry Fire Department, Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Big Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, CHP, Cal Trans, National Park Service, CDCR, PG&E, Southern California Edison, American Red Cross, California National Guard, Caltrans, California Air National Guard, California Conservation Corps., AT&T, U.S. Marine Corp of the 7<sup>th</sup> Engineering Support Battalion

To learn more about wildfire preparedness visit: [www.readyforwildfire.org](http://www.readyforwildfire.org)