



# Creek Fire Incident Update

Date: 10/10/2020 Time: 7:00 AM



**Public Information:** 844-668-3473 **South Zone Media:** 559-790-6374 **North Zone Media:** 844-668-3473

**Incident Websites:** 

www.fire.ca.gov

inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7147/

Incident Email: <a href="mailto:creekfire2020@gmail.com">creekfire2020@gmail.com</a>

# **INCIDENT FACTS**

Incident Start Date: 09/04/2020 Incident Start Time: 6:33 p.m.

Incident Type: Wildland fire Cause: Under investigation

Incident Location: Both sides of the San Joaquin River near Mammoth Pool, Shaver Lake, Big Creek and

Huntington Lake.

Forest/CAL FIRE Units: Sierra National Forest, Fresno-Kings and Madera-Mariposa-Merced CAL FIRE Units

Unified Command Agencies: US Forest Service, CAL FIRE, Fresno County Sheriff, Madera County Sheriff

Size: 333,880 Acres | Containment: 49% | Expected Full Containment: 10/31/2020

Civilian Injuries: 0 Fatalities: 0 Fatalities: 0 Fatalities: 0

Structures Threatened: 119 Structures Destroyed: 856 Structures Damaged: 71

# **CURRENT SITUATION**

#### Current

Situation:

#### **General Information**

Southern California Edison's Incident Management Team is asking that boat owners come and remove their boats from Huntington Lake. Water will be lowered with in the lake and all boats need to be removed prior to October 15, 2020. We understand that many boats have already been removed, but we want to ensure that the date of the water being lowered is well communicated.

The SNF will allow roadblock access each of the two days from **8am - 5pm**, The check-in for these days will be staged at each of the roadblock access points to areas where entry is to be made for that day. <u>Link for Permit Information</u>, - those who have already submitted their request you will not need to re-submit information, all applicants will need to bring with them two forms of identification, a valid driver's license/identification and proof of property ownership (electric bill, or property deed). You will not receive your permit by email.

October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Today and tomorrow) Access will be allowed by permit to the following locations:

- From 8am 5pm Access... McKinley Grove to Wishon to Courtright Roads.
- From 8am 5pm Access... Dinkey and Rock Creek areas
- From 8am 5pm Access... Huntington Lake and Camp Sierra areas.
- Boat pick up at Huntington Lake Boat Launch

Power has been restored to all PG&E customers. SCE-325 customers remain without power.

## **South Zone:**

Some residents remain evacuated in the areas of Mono Hot Springs, Vermillion Resort, Muir Trail Ranch, Blayney Meadow and Florence Lake. Crews will take advantage of the cooler weather temperatures and plan for direct attack as weather permits.

The North East area around Edison Lake and Vermillion Camp crews will be going direct to secure the containment lines.

Crews will continue suppression repair around the perimeter of the fire, resource advisors have identified areas and will be working to mitigate this situation.

Smoke will be seen in the general area as fire personnel continue to strengthen the fire perimeter. Smoke from other fires in the state has become apparent in the Central Valley adding to the poor air quality. Please use caution while driving as heavy congestion is expected on Hwy 168 through the weekend.

# **North Zone:**

With mop-up nearly complete along the stretch of uncontained fireline around Little Shuteye Peak, crews have progressed to gridding the green fuels adjacent to those lines, looking for hidden sparks and embers smoldering in the duff. This activity indicates that fireline north and south of Little Shuteye Peak is approaching containment status.

Our roads group has dropped more than a thousand trees in recent days to reduce hazards along interior roads, most of which are now open and passible. Yesterday they reported having completed improvement work in the Portuguese overlook area of the 7 road, far north end of the fire.

The fire is 10 miles west of Mammoth Lakes; little forward progression is occurring due to the natural barriers of rock and the Lions Fire (2018) burn scar. Conditions continue to be monitored very closely.

Please respect the Temporary Flight Restriction. The use of drones is not permitted over the fire area. A drone incursion will result in the grounding of all firefighting aircraft. Remember, "If you fly - We can't."

	Weather:					
	A Pacific disturbance will push ashore along the California coast Saturday, bringing clouds and temporarily cool conditions. Measurable rainfall is not expected. High pressure will re-build onshore from the Pacific next week, becoming gradually stronger while producing warmer and much dryer conditions through the upcoming week. Smoke will remain present overnights and into the mornings, with some air quality improvement during the afternoons as local winds develop. Critical fire weather conditions are possible by around Wednesday due to minimal RH recovery and development of warmer than normal temperatures.					
Bullfrog Fire Information	The Bullfrog Fire is burning on the Sierra National Forest but is not related to the Creek Fire. For more information, visit <a href="mailto:inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7191/">inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7191/</a> .					
Sign Up for Emergency Alerts	Fresno County Emergency Alerts: <u>Fresno Co. Everbridge alerts</u> Madera County Emergency Warning Systems: <u>mcalert.org</u> Mariposa County Sheriff Office: <u>msoalert.com</u>					
Damage Assessment	Fresno County Damage Assessment Map Madera County Sheriff's Office is contacting property owners.					
National Park Closures	Yosemite National Park reopened September 25, 2020. For specific park information, visit National Park Service – Yosemite.					
National Forest Closures	The Sierra National Forest has been closed under <u>Forest Closure Order No. 05-15-00-20-15</u> through November 1, 2020. Conditions will be re-evaluated daily. For information, please go to the Sierra National Forest website at <u>fs.usda.gov/alerts/sierra/alerts-notices</u> .					
Evacuation Map	Fresno and Madera Counties evacuations can be viewed in the interactive Creek Fire evacuation map (Creek Fire Evacuation Map) or by scanning the QR code:					
Evacuation Zones						
Fresno County Evacuation Orders	Zone F9G: 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.  Zone F10A: 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.  Zone F10B: 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 Sierra National Forest line.					

Zone F10C: The south boundary is near the South Fork San Joaquin River at the base of Florence Lake. The west boundary will be the shores and areas surrounding Florence Lake. The north boundary will be Kaiser Pass Road south of its intersection with Edison Lake Road. The east boundary is east of Jackass Dike and just east of the Hooper Diversion Trailhead.

Zone F10D: The south boundary lies just north of Windy Gap and Black Butte Mountain. The west boundary lies just east of the intersection of Kaiser Pass Road and Highway 168. The north boundary is Mono Hot Springs. The east boundary is Florence Lake as well as the Sierra National Forest Land.

Zone F10E: The south boundary is the Sierra National Forest, north of Muir Trail Ranch. The west boundary is west of Florence Lake and west of Jackass Dike. The north boundary is south of Edison Lake as well as the Sierra National Forest. The east boundary is the Sierra National Forest, west of Mount Seneger and Seven Gables.

**Zone F10F:** The south border begins just north of Corral Mountain. The west border consists of the territories east of Courtright Reservoir. The north border extends north of Mount Shinn as well as north of the Muir Trail Ranch. The east border extends to include the area east of Zingheim Heights (West of Mount Henry).

**Zone F10G:** The west boundary of this zone consists of the territories east of Edison Lake. This zone includes the features such as Mount Seneger and Mount Gabb. The north boundary begins just north of Mount Hopkins. The east boundary parallels the Fresno County line southward and ends south of Turret Peak

Zone F11D: 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 lies 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.

**Zone F12A:** This zone contains wilderness land south of Cockscomb and Pincushion Peak, north of Edison Lake.

**Zone F12B:** Zone contains Pincushion Peak, Cockscomb, Silver Peak, Graveyard Peak, and Double Peak East.

#### **Road Closures:**

#### Fresno County:

Hwy 168 is closed at Kaiser Pass Road.

Interactive evacuation map: https://tinyurl.com/y3wpp6ol.

#### Madera County:

Cascadel Road at 8509 Cascadel Road Mammoth Road at 59701 Mammoth Road

Beasore Road at Road 274 Road 632 at Buckskin Lane

Closure updates are listed at: <a href="mailto:facebook.com/MaderaSheriff/">facebook.com/MaderaSheriff/</a>

# Fresno County Resources:

A multi-agency Local Assistance Center (LAC) is at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District (808 4th Street) to support residents impacted by the Creek Fire.

The LAC is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until further notice. The LAC serves to connect residents and property owners with assistance and resource availability through a variety of state and local agencies.

Services include critical document replacement, social services, economic recovery financial services, motor vehicle services, healthcare, mental health services and American Red Cross.

Residents and property owners seeking in-person assistance at the LAC will be asked to practice COVID-19 prevention measures, including wearing a face covering and maintaining social distancing.

For more information, visit <u>www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/fresno-county-emergency</u>



For questions regarding rebuilding of structures and post fire direct inquiries for Fresno County call: Planning and Development (559)621-8084

Fresno County Resource Call Center: 559-600-INFO

Madera County residents needing assistance call Madera Community Action: (559)673-9173

Fresno Humane Society lost and found animal call line: 559-600-PETS

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Engines: 126 Water Tenders: 38 Helicopters: 15 Hand Crews: 27 Dozers: 9

**Total Personnel: 1,534** 

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

## **North Zone Cooperating Agencies:**

Madera County, Madera County Public Health, Madera County Fire, OES, CHP, National Park Service, PG&E, CDCR, Southern California Edison, American Red Cross, California National Guard, California Air National Guard, Caltrans.

#### South Zone Cooperating Agencies:

Fresno County, Fresno County Public Health, Fresno County Public Works, Fresno County OES, OES, Shaver Lake Fire Department, Bald Mountain Fire Protection District, Auberry Fire Department, Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, CHP, National Park Service, CDCR, PG&E, Southern California Edison, American Red Cross, California National Guard, California Air National Guard, Caltrans, California Conservation Corps., AT&T.

To learn more about wildfire preparedness visit: readyforwildfire.org