



# Creek Fire Incident Update

Date: 09/27/20 Time: 7:00 PM



**Public Information Line:** 844-668-3473  
**Creek Fire - Fresno Media line:** 209-628-3097  
**Creek Fire - Madera Media Line:** 559-492-7755  
**Incident Email:** [Creekfire2020@gmail.com](mailto:Creekfire2020@gmail.com)  
**Incident Websites:** [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov)  
<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> 302,870 Acres	<b>Containment:</b> 39%	<b>Expected Full Containment:</b> 10/31/2020	
<b>Civilian Injuries/Fatalities:</b> 0		<b>Firefighter Injuries/Fatalities:</b> 0	
<b>Structures Threatened:</b> 4,576	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b> 855*	<b>Structures Damaged:</b> 71*	
*Damage assessment is approximately 98% complete. Numbers will change as survey progresses.			

## CURRENT SITUATION

<b>Current Situation:</b>	<p><b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b></p> <p>There was no reported growth on the Creek Fire today and containment remained at 39%. As areas under evacuation warning and orders are repopulated residents, business owners, and others returning to the area must do so safely. Significant efforts are underway to allow repopulation including restoration of utility services and removal of other hazards, such as dangerous trees.</p> <p>Adhering to posted speed limits, following guidance of utility providers, and following manufacturer recommendations on auxiliary equipment (e.g. generators) must be implemented for the safe return to areas where orders and warnings are being lifted. Special attention must also be given to heavy machinery and firefighting apparatus still operating in the area.</p> <p>Residents should prepare for potential interruptions in utility services and follow recommendations by utility providers. Additionally, manufacturer recommendations for generator use and only using them outdoors to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning within enclosed spaced such as homes and businesses.</p>
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	<p><b><u>NORTH ZONE</u></b></p> <p>On the North Zone of the fire today, activity was moderated due to early humidity in the thirties before it dropped later in the afternoon. There was slight progression of the fire towards the northeast near Cattle Mountain, but it did not cause an increase in acreage of the fire. Fire activity will be present in Chetwood Creek, Norris Lake, East Fore Chiquito, and Northeast of Little Shuteye Peak, and south of Whisky Falls.</p> <p>Fire resources on the North Zone will remain committed to improving containment line utilizing heavy equipment and handcrews where bulldozers are unable to make access. There have also been preparations to ensure threatened structure are protected.</p> <p><b><u>SOUTH ZONE</u></b></p> <p>Today on the South Zone of the Creek Fire there was active fire on the eastern portion of the zone towards the 80 Road and Potter Pass. A spot fire occurred south of China Peak that threatens containment and may progress east towards the Dinkey Lakes Wilderness. Once the fire moves into sparser fuels progression will slow as it moves into the Ansel Adams Wilderness. There may be a planned firing operation along Kaiser Pass Road which will cause visible smoke to rise within the fire area.</p> <p>Operationally, fire resources will perform tactical patrol near the fire perimeter mopping up hot spots and ensuring structures are prepared for defense in the event the fire approaches communities. 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><b><u>WEATHER INFORMATION</u></b></p> <p>A significant shift in weather occurred today. Downslope and downcanyon winds that began midday brought drier air with reduced humidities and poorer moisture recovery. Combined with increasing temperatures through midweek, there will be increase fire behavior in all areas of the fire as fuels are able to preheat earlier in the day and hot spots will show more open flame and smoke.</p> <p>Tomorrow, the temperatures and humidity at dawn will be similar to that of conditions present late today. Fire resources will be patrolling and mopping up in all areas of the fire as part of their tactical patrols and efforts to fully contain the Creek Fire.</p>
<b>Bullfrog Fire Information</b>	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>
<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>	<b>Fresno County</b> To view an interactive damage assessment map for Fresno County open the following

	<p>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>	
<b>National Forest Closures</b>	<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>	
<b>Evacuation Map</b>	<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> 
<b>Evacuation Zones</b>	<p><b>Following are written descriptions of Fresno County Evacuation Zones</b></p>	
<b>Evacuation Zones: Warnings are indicated by yellow</b>	<p><b>Fresno County</b> <b>Zone F5B:</b> The south boundary is Burrough Valley Road between Tollhouse Road to the west and Burrough North Road to the east. The zone extends northeast and ends just south of Hidden Hollow Lane. The west boundary consists of the east side of Tollhouse Road</p>	
<b>Evacuation Zones: Orders are indicated by red</b>	<p><b>Fresno County</b> <b>Zone F1K:</b> South boundary is the dead end of Burrough Mountain Road. West boundary is Tollhouse Rock, north boundary is the intersection of Tollhouse Road and Burrough Mountain Road. East boundary is the excludes the west properties located off of Fire Road. <b>Zone F1M:</b> South boundary is at the southern extension of properties off of Natoma Road. West boundary is the intersection of Tollhouse Road and Shaver Springs Road.</p>	

North boundary is the intersection of Highway 168 and Tollhouse Road (Includes both sides of Tollhouse Road). East boundary is the intersection of Peterson Road and Cripe Road.

**Zone F1N:** South boundary is the intersection of Sycamore Creek and Vincent Fire Road. The west boundary consists of (including) the west properties off of Fire and Cripe Road. The north boundary is the intersection of Tollhouse Road and Cressman Road. The east boundary is the intersection of Cressman Road and Glenwood lane, as well as the area west of 37887 Peterson Road.

**Zone F1O:** The south boundary extends to the end of properties located south of Peterson Road. The west boundary begins at 37887 Peterson Road. The north and east boundaries are the intersection of Peterson Road and James Mountain Road.

**Zone F2L:** South boundary contains the properties on both sides of Sweet Grass Street. West boundary extends to contain all properties west of the Highway 168 north of the Shaver Post Office and south of Ken's Market (42137 Tollhouse Road).

**Zone F6B:** South and west boundary is just east of the Vincent Fire Road and Bob's Flat Trail intersection. The boundary expands to the north to include a largely undeveloped portion which includes the Vincent Fire Road, south of Burrough Mountain Road. The east boundary is about a half a mile west of Cole Spring.

**Zone F6G:** South Boundary is just north of the Dinkey-Trimmer Road and Ross Crossing Road intersection. West Boundary is a half a mile west of the Big Creek Road and Vomac Clovis Drive intersection. The north boundary is a mile north of the Nutmeg Campground (off of Big Creek Road). East boundary contains Dinkey Trimmer Road.

**Zone F7D:** 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.

**Zone F7E:** This zone contains Big Creek and the Big Creek Edison Hydroelectric Plant. The south boundary consists of both sides of Huntington Lake Road from Camp Sierra Road to Stump Springs Road in the north.

**Zone F7G:** South boundary contains the north side of Huntington Lake Road and extends to the west to the San Joaquin River. The north boundary is Dam Six Lake and is a half a mile west of the intersection of Huntington Lake Road and Camp Sierra Road.

**Zone F9A:** The south and west boundary lays just north of Dinkey Creek. The west boundary continues north to contain both sides of Rock Creek Road until just south of the "Brewer Lake Trail Turnoff". The north boundary is just north of Foster Ridge as well as the Dinkey Lakes Trailhead.

**Zone F9B:** The south boundary is south of the intersection of Tollhouse Road and Flintridge Ave. The west boundary lays east of Big Creek, and includes "Camp Keola" to the north. The north boundary contains the south shore of Huntington Lake at the end of Huntington Lodge Road. The east boundary lays about a quarter of a mile west of Camp Kern.

**Zone F9C:** The west boundary lays west of Camp Kern. The north boundary includes the south shore of Huntington Lake. The east boundary lays west of China Peak Mountain Resort, and contains "Chinese Peak" to the south.

**Zone F9D:** The west boundary lays west of Gold Arrow Camp. This zone contains China Peak Mountain Resort, as well as Indian Pools Trail. The north boundary contains the northeast shoreline of Huntington Lake, and includes the huntington Boat Ramp Launch

Site as well as "College Campground". The east boundary runs east of the Rancheria Falls National Trail.

**Zone F9E:** The west boundary runs west of the intersection of Huntington Lake Road and Rock Creek Road. It also runs (Including) west of the Tamarack Sno-Park. The north boundary is a half mile north of the intersection of Tollhouse Road and "9S69 Road". The east boundary contains the east side of 9S69 Road.

**Zone F9F:** This wilderness area contains the "Sand Flats" as well as the Red Mountain OHV trail. It is bordered to the west by Huntington Lake Road. The north boundary runs south of "Chinese peak". The east boundary lays west of "Red Mountain".

**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 F9H:** The west boundary runs west of Red mountain. The north boundary is one mile north of Red Mountain, and extends to the east roughly a mile and a half from Red Mountain. The south boundary extends south of Foster Ridge.

**Zone F9I:** The south boundary runs a half a mile south of Lakewood Creek. The west boundary is less than a quarter of a mile west of Coyote Lake (Included). The north boundary lays roughly a half mile northeast of Ershim Lake. The east boundary is a third of a mile west of Ershim Lake.

**Zone F9J:** The west boundary lays east of the Dinkey Lakes Trailhead. The north boundary is a third of a mile southeast from Tamarack Creek, and a half of a mile south of Lakewood Creek. The east boundary lays just east of Swede Lake.

**Zone F9K:** The west boundary lays west of Black Peak. The north boundary is just north of Ershim Lake and runs east past Windy Gap. The east boundary lays just west of Dusy Creek.

**Zone F9L:** The west boundary lays east of "Three Sisters East", and west of Dogtooth Peak. The north boundary lays south of "East Lake". The east boundary lays west of "Leopold Dome".

**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 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 Trail Head.

**Zone F10D:** The south boundary lays just north of Windy Gap and Black Butte Mountain. The west boundary lays 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 National Forest Land.

	<p><b>Zone F10E:</b> The south boundary is the 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 National Forest. The east boundary is the National Forest, west of Mount Seneger and Seven Gables.</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 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 F11B:</b> The south boundary begins at the fork of Kaiser Pass Road with the dirt road leading northwest to the Rattlesnake Trailhead. The west boundary lays just east of Upper Twin Lakes. The north boundary lays south of Mount Tom. The east boundary lays about a half-mile northeast of Sample Meadow Campground, and about three-quarters of a mile west of Camp Sixty-One D Campground.</p> <p><b>Zone F11C:</b> The south boundary includes both sides of Stump Springs Road. The west boundary is the San Joaquin River. The north boundary is south of the intersection of Stump Springs Road and Camp Creek. The east boundary lays just east of the intersection of Huntington Lake Road and Stump Springs Road. The boundary ends (excludes) just west of Black Point Road, and just east of Mushroom Rock. This zone includes both Nellie Lake and Bishop of Tralee Park.</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 F11E:</b> South boundary consists of Stump Springs Road, north of Saddle Creek. West boundary is the San Joaquin River. North boundary is south of Mill Creek.</p> <p><b>Zone F11F:</b> Zone includes the Mount Tom Area, and moves out west to the San Joaquin River.</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>  Tollhouse Road at Highway 168  Tollhouse Road at Shaver Springs Road  Huntington Lake Road at Musick Peak Road  Highway 168 at South ForK Tamarack Creek</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</p>

	Road 632 at Buckskin Lane – Hard Closure, Level 2
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<b>Fresno County Resources:</b>	<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> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p><b>Fresno County Resource Call Center</b> 559-600-INFO</p> </div> </div>
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<b>Animal Evacuation Centers:</b>	<p><b>The Fresno Humane Society has established lost and found animal call line at (559) 600-PETS.</b></p> <p><b>Fresno County:</b> <u>Small animals:</u> Fresno Fairgrounds in the Commerce Building (the shelter at Granite Ridge was closed on Wednesday). <u>Large animals:</u> The Fresno Fairgrounds - 1121 S Chance Ave, Fresno, CA 93702</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Madera County:</b> Residents in Madera County needing assistance with animals should call (559) 675-7892 <u>Large Animals:</u> Coarsegold Rodeo Grounds 44777 Rodeo Grounds Lane, Coarsegold, CA <u>Large animals:</u> Producer's Livestock Facility at Madera at Farm Bureau in Madera, CA</p>
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<b>ASSIGNED RESOURCES</b>				
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<b>Engines:</b> 317	<b>Water Tenders:</b> 94	<b>Helicopters:</b> 14	<b>Hand Crews:</b> 40	<b>Dozers:</b> 43
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<b>Total Personnel:</b> 3,172	
<b>Air Tankers:</b>	Air tankers are shared between incidents and used as priorities and availability dictate.
<p><b>Cooperating Agencies North Zone:</b>  Madera County, Madera County Public Health, Madera County Fire, OES, CHP, Cal Trans, National Park Service, PG&amp;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</p> <p><b>Cooperating Agencies South Zone:</b>  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&amp;E, Southern California Edison, American Red Cross, California National Guard, Caltrans, California Air National Guard, California Conservation Corps., AT&amp;T, U.S. Marine Corp of the 7<sup>th</sup> Engineering Support Battalion</p>	

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