



**KNP Complex Update
October 21, 2021**

Acres: 88,307 acres

Containment: 60%

Start Date: September 10, 2021

Cause: Lightning

Jurisdiction: Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks; Sequoia National Forest

Resources: 567 personnel including: 8 crews, 15 engines, 16 water tenders, 6 dozers and 11 helicopters

California Incident Management Team 12 assumed command of the KNP Complex yesterday at 1800 under the direction of Incident Commander Mike Nobles.

There is still a fair amount of snow over a large portion of the fire area, so no forward fire progression was made yesterday and none is expected today. Creeping, backing and smoldering activity will be prevalent where fuels are deep, dense and dry and only minimally impacted by snow cover. Fire weakened trees will continue to fall, which is a consideration when planning crew placement and suppression activities each day.

Today’s activities will remain mop up and patrol operations on all current control lines, in addition to direct line construction on the eastern and southern edges to tie together existing contingency lines. Daily coordination is taking place among land agencies, incident management teams, and local resource advisors to prioritize the giant sequoia groves and actions that will support limiting mortality in the groves. Intense suppression repair activities have been a priority all week in areas fully contained and controlled. Most of the suppression repair activities have been around the Hume Lake area, and on the western edge of the fire.

Weather: Slight warming today is expected. Winds will remain light and terrain-driven with a continued west-southwest flow at the ridgetops. A weak disturbance will bring a slight chance of light showers Friday and Saturday with cooler and breezy conditions. Forecast models continue to show the potential for an atmospheric river to impact the fire area by late this weekend into early next week, with the majority of precipitation arriving Monday.

Safety: Please be aware of and respect closures and reduce speeds when traveling in and around the fire area.

Evacuations: Visit:

<https://nifc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4b2ac27b5c8943ed92c0e77aa94daca0>.

Closures: Visit: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/7838/>.

<p>FIRE INFORMATION</p> <p>PUBLIC: (559) 494-4881 (8 a.m. – 8 p.m.)</p> <p>MEDIA: (925) 588-6773</p> <p>EMAIL: 2021.KNP@firenet.gov</p> <p>INCIWEB: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7838/</p>	<p>FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/sequoiakingsnps/ and https://www.facebook.com/sequoiaNF/</p> <p>TWITTER: https://twitter.com/SequoiaKingsnps and https://twitter.com/sequoiaforest</p> <p>INSTAGRAM: https://www.instagram.com/Sequoiakingsnps</p> <p>YOUTUBE: https://bit.ly/2021KNPComplex</p>
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