



Washburn Fire Incident Update – July 20, 2022

Fire Information: Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
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Location: Yosemite National Park, Mariposa Grove
Start Date: July 7, 2022
Size: 4,863 acres

Percent Contained: 58%
Cause: Under Investigation
Number of Personnel Assigned: 1,444

Weather/Fire Conditions: The fire continues to burn slowly in thick loads of dead and down fuels on the eastern edge of the fire. Fire fighters work to gain containment by holding hand line they have constructed south of Iron Creek drainage. There have been no spot fires while they hold this line. The contingency line around Mount Raymond is proving to hold its integrity as we monitor the fire and witness movement west along the line. Mop up and patrol along Wawona Rd (Yosemite's Highway 41) as well as Mariposa grove has been successful as our crews begin the pull some of the hose they have laid in the initial attack of the Washburn Fire. The forecast predicts high 80's with humidity getting up to 26% with winds pushing the smoke west and lingering in any drainages. For a detailed look at smoke conditions: [Washburn Fire Smoke Report](#)

Wawona Repopulation: The community of Wawona is open ONLY to Wawona residents, property owners, and NPS employees with fire restrictions. Please read the Wawona repopulation [Frequently Asked Questions](#) .

Closures: Wawona, Wawona Road (Hwy 41) south of Yosemite West, and the Mariposa Grove are closed to the general public until further notice. The South Entrance remains closed. All other areas of Yosemite National Park are open. Use El Portal Rd (Hwy 140) or Big Oak Flat Rd. (Hwy 120 East) or Tioga Rd (Hwy 120 West) to enter Yosemite. Reservations are still required from 6:00 am – 4:00 pm; visit www.recreation.gov.

Yosemite National Park Fire Restrictions: Starting July 16, fire restrictions are in effect below 8,000 feet of elevation and smoking is restricted park wide until further notice. The residences of Wawona, El Portal, and Foresta are on a strict fire restriction due to extreme potential fire danger. For more information, please visit [Yosemite National Park Fire Restrictions](#)

Sierra National Forest Washburn Fire Closure Order: The Washburn Fire is active on the Sierra National Forest. To aid firefighters and protect the public, the Sierra National Forest has a **Fire Closure Forest Order** effective from July 15, 2022 through August 1, 2022. The lands affected are less than 3% of the 1.3 million acre Sierra National Forest. The 8 closed roads are on the Bass Lake Ranger District: Road 5S06 Mtn. Raymond Rd, 5S22 Big Sandy Rd, 5S43 White Chief Mtn. Rd, 6S10 Sky Ranch Rd, 5S40Y Lost Lake Rd, 5S40Z Lost Lake Rd, 5S04 Chiquito Lake Rd, 5S70A Red Top Rd. For a detailed description including a map, please view the following link: Forest Order 05-15-00-22-15. Please be advised that USFS law enforcement is on patrol. We thank all members of the public for avoiding the closure area so that incident personnel may stay focused on the difficult and dangerous work that remains.

Tip Line: If you were at or near the Mariposa Grove on July 7, 2022, please contact the NPS Investigative Services Branch (ISB) **Call/Text** – (888)-653-0009 **Email-** nps_isb@nps.gov **Online:** [Submit a Tip](#)

Thank you, CA IIMT 13: On behalf of all agencies aiding in this incident, we would like to thank California Interagency Incident Management Team 13 for their tireless efforts and diligent tactics in getting this fire under control and keeping our firefighters, communities, and lands safe. As we transition into a new incident management team we will remain grateful for the service from all members of the team.