



## Washburn Fire Incident Update – July 25, 2022

**Location:** Yosemite National Park, Mariposa Grove

**Start Date:** July 7, 2022

**Size:** 4,866 acres

**Resources Assigned:** 16 Hand Crews, 8 Helicopters, 18 Engines, 1 Dozer, 16 Water Tenders

**Fire Information:** Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

**Email:** [2022.washburn@firenet.gov](mailto:2022.washburn@firenet.gov)

**Facebook:** [Yosemite NP](#) [Sierra NF](#)

**Instagram:** [Yosemite NP](#)

**Percent Contained:** 87%

**Cause:** Human Caused/Under Investigation

**Number of Personnel Assigned:** 694

**Phone:** 209-819-7246

**Updates:** [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8209/](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8209/)

**Twitter:** [Yosemite NP](#) [Sierra NF](#)

**Website:** [Yosemite NP](#) [Sierra NF](#)

**Washburn Fire Update-** The warm and dry weather pattern will persist for another day over the fire area. The recent dry conditions have allowed firefighters to seek out the remaining portions of heat near the control lines and extinguish them. This operation is referred to as “mopping-up” and is critical to ensure all control lines are secure before firefighters are extracted by helicopter from the more remote portions of the fire. Crews are being assisted by the National Infrared Operations airplane which flies over the fire every night and provides an updated map of the heat sources across the burned area and is used to highlight the location of the hot areas.

Today, resources will focus on mopping-up hot spots near the control lines, backhauling equipment no longer being used, and rehabilitating the areas impacted during fire suppression efforts. Temperatures will remain seasonably warm with continued low humidity values. The main smoke plume from the Oak fire is forecasted to stay north of the Washburn fire. Increasing cumulus clouds are expected to build up to the east of the fire over the Sierra Crest during the afternoon and evening hours. There is a slight chance of isolated showers overnight into Tuesday morning, but wetting rains are not forecasted with less than 0.10 inches expected.

**Grub Fire-** A new fire start was reported yesterday just after 5:00pm in Ahwahnee, CA. Thanks to an aggressive initial attack by state and federal resources, all forward progress was stopped.

**Oak Fire-** The Oak Fire currently sits at 16,791 acres and is 10% contained. The Oak Fire started on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Highway 140 and Carstens Road, near Midpines, CA (outside of Yosemite National Park boundaries). Highway 140 and surrounding roads have closures in effect. Information for the Oak Fire can be found by visiting: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2022/7/22/oak-fire/> or by calling **844-MMU-FIRE (844-668-3473)**.

**Wawona Road (Highway 41) has reopened as of 6:00 am on Saturday, July 23.**

**Washburn Fire Forest Closure- Forest Order No. 05-15-51-22-27-** Effective July 23, 2022 through August 1, 2022. The following roads remain closed: Mt. Raymond Road, Big Sandy Road, White Chief Mtn. Road, Sky Ranch Road (Between its intersections with FS Road 5S40Z and 6S07), Lost Lake Road, Chiquito Lake Road, and Red Top Road. For more information, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sierra/alerts-notice/?aid=74510>

For information regarding **Wawona Repopulation** or Yosemite National Park **Fire restrictions**, please visit: [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8209/](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8209/)

**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](mailto:nps_isb@nps.gov) **Online:** [Submit a Tip](#)