



Washburn Fire Incident Update – July 27, 2022

Location: Yosemite National Park, Mariposa Grove

Start Date: July 7, 2022

Size: 4,881 Acres

Percent Contained: 91%

Cause: Human Caused/Under Investigation

Number of Personnel Assigned: 343

Resources Assigned: 8 Hand Crews, 6 Helicopters, 8 Engines, 1 Dozer, 3 Water Tenders

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

Phone: 209-819-7246

Email: 2022.washburn@firenet.gov

Updates: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8209/

Facebook: [@YosemiteFire](#) [@SierraNF](#)

Twitter: [@YosemiteFire](#) [@Sierra_NF](#)

Instagram: [@YosemiteFire](#)

Websites: <https://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm>

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra>

Washburn Fire Update- Monsoonal moisture increased yesterday causing late afternoon thunderstorms to develop east of the fire along the Sierra Crest. A similar weather pattern is expected today, with increasing clouds, potential thunderstorms, and slightly lower temperatures. Most of the suppression efforts still occurring on the fire are focused around the Star Lakes area. The remaining heat sources are burning in and around large granite rock screes, making access difficult, but also limiting the chance that the fire will burn much farther from its current location. Hotshot crews will continue to hike in and check this area each day and the National Infrared Operations airplane will provide updated intelligence each night that will be monitored. The crews continue to make good progress on their fire suppression repair efforts.

Oak Fire- The Oak Fire is now 32 % contained at 18,715 acres. This fire is currently burning west of Yosemite in the Mariposa/Midpines area, **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)**. For information about air quality, visit airnow.gov.

Highway 140 Reopened- As of 8:15pm on Tuesday, July 27, 2022, Highway 140 through Mariposa County to Yosemite National Park is open to all lanes of traffic. Please drive carefully as fire suppression vehicles and equipment are still in the area.

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

Wawona Reopening Scheduled- The community of Wawona (including the Wawona Hotel and vacation rentals) will reopen to the public on Thursday, July 28, at noon. The wilderness area north of Wawona opened, Monday, July 25, and the fire advisory has been lifted for the wilderness area. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias and the Wawona Campground remain closed due to the Washburn fire. All other areas of Yosemite are open, although a reservation is required to drive into the park if arriving between 6 am and 4 pm.

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>

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:** www.nps.gov/orgs/1563/submit-a-tip.htm