



## Washburn Fire Incident Update – July 28, 2022

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

**Start Date:** July 7, 2022

**Size:** 4,883 Acres

**Percent Contained:** 94%

**Cause:** Human Caused/Under Investigation

**Number of Personnel Assigned:** 289

**Resources Assigned:** 4 Hand Crews, 6 Helicopters, 11 Engines, 1 Dozer, 2 Water Tenders

**Fire Information:** Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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

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

**Instagram:** [@YosemiteFire](#)

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

**Phone:** 209-819-7246

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

**Twitter:** [@YosemiteFire](#) [@Sierra\\_NF](#)

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

**Washburn Fire Update-** Several rain showers moved over the Washburn fire early yesterday morning. Although only trace amounts of rain reached the ground, firefighters were able to take advantage of the favorable conditions and increase containment. The National Infrared Operations airplane continues to show scattered heat within the burned area. Ground crews are finding most of this heat is isolated to large dead logs burning within the interior of the fire with minimal threat to control lines.

Today, temperatures will become seasonably warm and dry with limited potential of thunderstorms over the Sierra Crest in the afternoon. Crews will continue to focus their efforts on the remaining area of heat burning within the large rock scree surrounding Star Lakes just north of Mount Raymond. Many of the resources that have worked hard the last several weeks to get control of the Washburn fire are being sent back to their home units to reset before becoming available for their next assignment. California Incident Management Team 15 thanks these emergency responders for their professionalism and hard work while on the Washburn Incident.

**Oak Fire-** The Oak Fire is now 39% contained at 19,156 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).

**Air Quality-** For information, visit: [airnow.gov](http://airnow.gov).

**Wawona Reopening Today** - The community of Wawona (including the Wawona Hotel and vacation rentals) will reopen to the today, 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 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**Highway 140 Reopened-** As of 8:15 p.m. 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 a.m. 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>

**Tip Line:** If you were near the Mariposa Grove on July 7, 2022, please contact NPS Investigative Services Branch (ISB).

**Call/Text:** (888) 653-0009

**Email:** [nps\\_isb@nps.gov](mailto:nps_isb@nps.gov)

**Online:** [www.nps.gov/orgs/1563/submit-a-tip.htm](http://www.nps.gov/orgs/1563/submit-a-tip.htm)