



Wishon Fire

Incident Update – August 18, 2022

Fire Information: Office Hours: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

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Location: Sequoia National Forest, Tule River Canyon

Fire Start Date: August 15, 2022

Cause: Under Investigation

Size: 350 acres

Percent Contained: 45%

Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0

Suppression Strategy: Full Suppression

Number of Personnel Assigned: 282

Fire History: On August 15, 2022 firefighters from the US Forest Service, CAL FIRE, Tulare County and other cooperators responded to a fire in the Tule River Canyon near The Stairs on the Western Divide Ranger District of the Sequoia National Forest. Initial responding resources included 9 engines, 14 hand crews, 5 helicopters, 6 airtankers and an air attack. California Interagency Incident Management Team 13 continues to support firefighting efforts.

Fire Activity & Suppression Update: There has been very little observed fire activity around the fire perimeter in the last 12 hours which has continued to assist crews and aircraft in making progress. Above average temperatures as well as the potential for winds from regional thunderstorms will continue to be a threat. The fire is being driven primarily by topography and fuels which include, grass, heavy brush and oak. Firefighters continue to utilize natural barriers and fire lines from previous fire control lines. There have been no reported injuries.

Weather Forecast: Temperatures continue to be well above normal. And monsoonal moisture will allow for chances of afternoon thunderstorms near the fire area over the next few days. Winds will be primarily light and terrain-driven, except for the possibility of gusty and erratic outflow winds produced by thunderstorms.

Power Restoration Estimate: For areas with power impacted by the Wishon Fire, Southern California Edison (SCE) reports that helicopters will replace poles and lines with power restored in the next two day. SCE helps you prepare for wildfires and related power issues at: [sce.com/wildfire](https://www.sce.com/wildfire)

Air Quality: Current impacts to air quality from the Wishon Fire are expected to be minimal. To check on air quality for your area, or wherever you are visiting, check: airnow.gov. For the air quality at Camp Wishon check: [Camp Wishon](#)

Evacuations & Closures: The Tulare County Sheriff has lifted all evacuation warnings including Wishon Camp and Doyle Springs. And the California Highway Patrol has lifted all road closures. However due to the presence of fire personnel, heavy equipment and utility companies working in the area, the public is advised to avoid traveling on Hwy. 190 and Wishon Drive.

“WILDFIRE IS COMING... ARE YOU READY?” CALFIRE provides a comprehensive online resource for all aspects of wildfire preparedness, post wildfire, where and who you can contact for support, as well as many other valuable resources. Visit: [Wildfire is coming... Are you ready?](#)

Firefighter & Public Safety: Firefighters and support resources are following CDC protocols as they pertain to COVID. We respect the safety and health of our crews as well as the public and we thank the public for welcoming us into your community and your continued patience.

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