



# MOSQUITO FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-13-2022 Time: 7:00 p.m.



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[tinyurl.com/MosquitoFire](https://tinyurl.com/MosquitoFire)

**Size:** 50,330 acres  
**Containment:** 25%  
**Total Personnel:** 3,052

**Fire Information:** 211 (Local) or 530-264-8309  
**Media Information:** 530-217-3263  
**Phone Hours:** 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily  
**Email:** [MosquitoFire2022@gmail.com](mailto:MosquitoFire2022@gmail.com)  
**Incident Websites:**  
[inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8398](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8398)  
[fire.ca.gov](https://fire.ca.gov)

**Start Date & Time:** Tuesday, 9-6-2022, 6:27pm  
**Cause:** Under Investigation  
**Location:** Mosquito Road at Oxbow Reservoir  
**Suppression Strategy:** Full Suppression  
**People Evacuated:** 11,277  
**Structures Threatened:** Approximately 5,848  
**Total Structures Destroyed:** 46  
**Total Structures Damaged:** 5

The Mosquito Fire remains in unified command with California Interagency Incident Management Team 5, CAL FIRE, Placer County Sheriff, and El Dorado County Sheriff

## CURRENT SITUATION

Today's slightly stronger southwest winds aloft broke up the smoke inversion that has been hanging over the Mosquito Fire for the past several days. With the smoke inversion clearing out by midday, the fire actively increased significantly this afternoon due to the increased ventilation and available oxygen to support burning.

This afternoon, a spot fire jumped the Middle Fork of the American River on the west corner of the fire's perimeter in the Pond Creek Drainage. Due to the critically dry fuels, steep terrain, and increased ventilation, the spot fire grew rapidly towards the community of Foresthill. Firefighters and resources from around the fire have been diverted to assist with holding this corner of the fire at the contingency lines that have been put in place by crews over the past week below the community. Firefighters and a large aircraft contingency, including both fixed and rotor wing aircraft, have been engaging in active structure defense, defensive firing operations, and working to hold the advancing spot fire at control lines and protect the surrounding communities.

The fire also remained active on the north corner of the fire just north of Chicken Hawk Road. Crews continue to actively construct control lines and utilize strategic firing operations when possible in an effort to hook this corner and cut off its growth to the north. The Mosquito Fire continues to advance steadily to the east in heavily forested areas with extremely dry vegetation. Crews continue to construct indirect lines and utilize existing road systems ahead of the advancing fire to cut off the fire's growth to the east. On the southeast corner of the fire, the fire's edge continues to move towards Stumpy Meadows where firefighters are being challenged with difficult terrain and opportunities to stop the fire in the Rubicon River drainage.

Southwest winds and cooler temperatures continue to be forecasted for the next several days which should create similar weather conditions as seen on Tuesday, thus clearing the smoke inversion earlier in the day.



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## EVACUATIONS — PLACER COUNTY

View current Placer County evacuation orders and warnings on the interactive map: [placer.ca.gov/evacuations](http://placer.ca.gov/evacuations).  
ReadyPlacer dashboard for Mosquito Fire information: [tinyurl.com/234azf6d](http://tinyurl.com/234azf6d)

**Evacuation Orders** are in effect for the following zones in Placer County:

- Zone 1: Michigan Bluff
- Zone 2: Baker Ranch Mobile Home Park
- Zone 3
- Zone 4: Downtown Foresthill
- Zone 5
- Zone 6
- Zone 7: Todd Valley
- Zone 8: Sierra Vista Mobile Home Park
- Zone 9: North Side of Foresthill Road
- Zone 10: Spring Garden/Whitehawk Ridge
- Zone 11A: Yankee Jims and Shirrtail Canyon (NEW)
- Zone 12
- Zone 14
- Zone 21
- Zone 22

**Evacuation Warnings** are in effect for the following zones in Placer County:

- Zone 15: Foresthill Road at Lake Clementine
- Zone 23
- Zone 25: Sawtooth Ridge to the American River
- Zone 26: Iowa Hill Road at Mineral Bar to Elliott Bar Ranch Road, North of Big Dipper, Adelia Hill (NEW)

## EVACUATIONS — EL DORADO COUNTY

View current El Dorado County evacuation orders and warnings on the interactive map: [bit.ly/3ATtqao](http://bit.ly/3ATtqao)  
El Dorado County dashboard for Mosquito Fire information: [edcgov.us/mosquito-fire-information](http://edcgov.us/mosquito-fire-information)

**Evacuation Orders** are in effect for the following areas in El Dorado County:

- Area Name: Volcanoville
- Area Name: Quintette
- Area Name: Bald Mountain
- Area Name: Grey Eagle
- Area Name: Canyon Creek
- Area Name: Georgetown
- Area Name: Stumpy Meadows (NEW)

**Evacuation Warnings** are in effect for the following areas in El Dorado County:

- Area Name: Cool
- Area Name: Garden Valley
- Area Name: Swansboro / Slate Mountain
- Area Name: East Stumpy Meadows



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## ROAD CLOSURES

View road closures in the vicinity of the Mosquito Fire on the Caltrans interactive map: [quickmap.dot.ca.gov](https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov)

## EVACUATION CENTERS

### **Placer County:**

- Sierra College, 5100 Sierra College Blvd., Rocklin, California  
Enter on Rocklin Road for parking, which is in Lot B. Shelter is in cafeteria (building J).

### **El Dorado County:**

- Cameron Park Services District, 2502 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park, California  
Overnight shelter with meals, showers, limited health services, and parking for trailers. Animals in crates and carriers are allowed.
- Green Valley Community Church, 3500 Missouri Flat Road, Placerville, California  
RV parking is limited and no hookups. Small domestic animals in crates or on leashes are allowed (no large animals or birds).

## ANIMAL SHELTERS

- Placer County Animal Services Center, 11232 B Avenue, Auburn, California  
Reached capacity and has suspended new intakes
- Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, California  
Ceasing operation on 9-13-2022 and safely relocating animals to Gold Country Fairgrounds
- Gold Country Fairgrounds, 209 Fairgate Road, Auburn, California (opening 9-14-2022)
- Diamond Springs Shelter, 6435 Capitol Avenue, Diamond Springs, CA 95619 (small animals only)
- Rancho Murieta Equestrian Center, Call for information: 916-985-7334 (equines only)
- Flying M Ranch, 5421 Buck Mountain Road, Placerville, CA 95667 (large animals only)

## NATIONAL FOREST CLOSURES

National Forest System lands, roads, and trails in the vicinity of the Mosquito Fire are closed under Tahoe National Forest Order No. 17-22-09 ([tinyurl.com/2dfxw6v9](https://tinyurl.com/2dfxw6v9), includes map) and Eldorado National Forest Order No. 03-22-16 ([tinyurl.com/5dxz5cp6](https://tinyurl.com/5dxz5cp6), includes map).

## STRUCTURE STATUS

A Damage Inspection Specialist (DINS) Team has started assessments in both El Dorado and Placer Counties. These assessments will be ongoing and will be updated as completed.

### **Placer County:**

Please call Placer County OES at 530-886-5390

### **El Dorado County:**

Please visit: [tinyurl.com/4pkuijys9](https://tinyurl.com/4pkuijys9)