



# MOSQUITO FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-14-2022 Time: 7:00 p.m.



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

**Size:** 63,776 acres  
**Containment:** 20%  
**Total Personnel:** 3,655

**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, 6:27 p.m.  
**Cause:** Under Investigation  
**Location:** Mosquito Road at Oxbow Reservoir  
**Suppression Strategy:** Full Suppression  
**People Evacuated:** 11,277  
**Structures Threatened:** 9,236  
**Total Structures Destroyed:** 64  
**Total Structures Damaged:** 10

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

Firefighters continue to hold the Mosquito Fire inside established control lines with the help of cooler temperatures and higher humidity. Throughout the day, crews continued to patrol, mop up and secure control lines along the Foresthill Road corridor, with a heavy focus on the area where yesterday's spot fire made an aggressive run towards the community. Aerial reconnaissance shows very little smoke production in the areas below the communities of Foresthill and Michigan Bluff. Successful firing operations continue to take place along Deadwood Road to cut off the fire's growth to the north.

The Mosquito Fire's eastern front continues to steadily grow with active fire behavior into dense forested areas with critically dry fuels and little fire history. A majority of the fire's smoke column today was produced by the fire activity in the Middle Fork of the American River on the east side. Dozers and heavy equipment worked throughout the day to continue expanding control lines to stop the fire's eastwardly growth. On the southeast corner of the fire near Stumpy Meadows, crews constructed control lines in an effort to cut off the fire in the Rubicon River drainage. The southern portion of the fire continues to hold with firefighters constantly patrolling all portions of these control lines and mopping up hot spots well into the interior of the fire perimeter to ensure there is no threat of escape.

Today's southwesterly winds were lighter than Tuesday, but still provided the needed air mixing to push the smoke inversion out of the fire area. With this clearer air, aircraft assigned to the incident were able to be used heavily for various operations around the fire. Helicopters have been busy throughout the day conducting water and retardant dropping missions in order to assist ground crews in extinguishing hot spots and preventing fire growth. Multiple mobile retardant bases are located around the fire to assist helicopters with quick refilling of fire retardant. Multiple Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) are being used to assist with reconnaissance, mapping, and infrared capabilities to assist firefighters in locating hot spots near the fire's edge.



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## **EVACUATIONS — PLACER COUNTY**

Placer County interactive evacuation 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 Shirttail Canyon  
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:

## **EVACUATIONS — EL DORADO COUNTY**

El Dorado County interactive evacuation 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

**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

## **ROAD CLOSURES**

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



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## 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 (at full capacity and has suspended new intakes)
- Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, California (ceased operation and relocated animals to Gold Country Fairgrounds)
- Gold Country Fairgrounds, 209 Fairgate Road, Auburn, California
- Diamond Springs Shelter, 6435 Capitol Avenue, Diamond Springs, California (small animals only)
- Rancho Murieta Equestrian Center: call 916-985-7334 for information (equines only)
- Flying M Ranch, 5421 Buck Mountain Road, Placerville, California (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](http://tinyurl.com/2dfxw6v9), includes map) and Eldorado National Forest Order No. 03-22-16 ([tinyurl.com/5dxz5cp6](http://tinyurl.com/5dxz5cp6), includes map).

## STRUCTURE STATUS

A Damage Inspection Specialist (DINS) Team has completed some property assessments in Placer and El Dorado counties. The following resources for residents will be updated as the team continues its assessments:

- **Placer County** residents should call Placer County Office of Emergency Services (530-886-5390) to inquire about the condition of their property.
- **El Dorado County** residents should go to the online interactive map ([tinyurl.com/4pkujys9](http://tinyurl.com/4pkujys9)) and zoom in to their property or type their address in the search field.