



# MOSQUITO FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-15-2022 Time: 7:00 a.m.



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

**Size:** 64,159 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:** 70  
**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

Overnight, smoke settled back into drainages due to easing winds, with a majority of the fire area seeing good humidity recovery. Firefighters continued working throughout the night, patrolling, mopping up, and securing control lines around the south and east sides of the fire. Crews and heavy equipment, including a large number of dozers, continued constructing indirect lines adjacent to steep and rugged terrain to the east of the main firefront. Firefighters remain engaged on the north side of the fire near Deadwood Road. Crews continued bringing strategic firing operations down the Deadwood Road from the Foresthill Divide Road with the intention of stopping the fire's northern spread. Firefighters were conducting similar operations on the southeast corner of the fire near Stumpy Meadows by constructing control lines and utilizing firing operations to secure them.

Today's priorities remain securing each of the three corners of the fire. Firefighters have been very successful in holding the control lines along the communities of Todd Valley and Foresthill despite challenging fire conditions on Tuesday. Crews will continue extensive mop-up operations in those areas, the Foresthill Road corridor, and on the portions of line to the north of Volcanoville. Southwest winds have been favorable for the communities along Volcanoville Road, but firefighters remain in the areas to ensure the fire does not spot across containment lines. These mop-up operations include firefighters using hose lines, water, and hand tools to thoroughly extinguish or remove remaining burning material well inside the fire's edge. This is to ensure that no smoldering debris will roll, fall, or fly over the containment lines and start a spot fire. With the critically dry fuels in the area, it only takes a small ember to start a spot fire and spread rapidly in the steep terrain.

Today's forecasted weather will be slightly cooler with lighter southwest winds that will continue to push out the smoke inversion and provide clear air over the fire area. Stronger winds are predicted for this weekend ahead of an incoming system that is forecasted to include precipitation.



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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

- 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.