



MOSQUITO FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

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



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tinyurl.com/MosquitoFire

Size: 67,669 acres
Containment: 20%
Total Personnel: 3,873

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: 2022.Mosquito@firenet.gov
Incident Websites:
inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8398
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

Good overnight humidity recovery moderated fire behavior this morning and into the afternoon. Light southwest winds assisted with clearing some smoke this afternoon, however a thick smoke layer shaded portions of the east side of the fire which helped slow new growth. Firefighters focused on securing the west corner of the fire down in the Middle Fork of the American River below the communities of Todd Valley and Foresthill. Crews are finishing the last remaining portions of firing operations along the control lines that tie into the river. Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) are assisting ground resources with aerial ignitions to strategically burn remaining vegetation inside control lines to secure.

Firefighters are working diligently along the western edge of the fire along the Foresthill Road corridor to mop up and secure all control lines to mitigate any threats of slop overs. On the north corner of the fire, crews worked throughout the day to hold and secure the control lines along the Foresthill Divide the Deadwood Roads where strategic firing operations took place last night. These actions are crucial in holding the fire south of Westville. Critically dry fuels continue to fuel the Mosquito Fire's steady growth to the east. Crews, dozers, and heavy equipment continue the dangerous and grueling task of building indirect control lines in steep and rugged terrain. Crews are also utilizing existing roads systems, such as the Eleven Pines Road, to assist in building a solid control line to hold advancing fire. Crews are constructing a combination of dozer and hand lines from Wentworth Springs Road north towards Devil's Peak in the effort of holding fire in the Rubicon River drainage. Firefighters continue to mop up remaining hot spots and patrol the southern edge of the fire along Volcanoville Road. Cooperators and utility companies continue work in these areas to assess and start needed infrastructure repair with the goal of repopulating the communities as soon as it becomes safe to do so.

An incoming weather system is forecasted to bring increased winds and precipitation into the fire area starting Saturday and into early next week. Firefighters will continue to strengthen and secure all control lines in preparation for these changing conditions.



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EVACUATIONS — PLACER COUNTY

Placer County interactive evacuation map: placer.ca.gov/evacuations.

ReadyPlacer dashboard for Mosquito Fire information: 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

El Dorado County dashboard for Mosquito Fire information: 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



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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.

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:

- Gold Country Fairgrounds, 209 Fairgate Road, Auburn, California (large & small animals, livestock ok)
- Placer County Animal Services Center, 11232 B Avenue, Auburn, California (no new intakes)

El Dorado County:

- 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, includes map) and Eldorado National Forest Order No. 03-22-16 (tinyurl.com/5dxz5cp6, includes map).

STRUCTURE STATUS

A Damage Inspection Specialist (DINS) Team is in the process of completing 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 who are evacuated and live in the following areas; Bath Road, Mosquito Ridge Road, Lowe Street, and Chicken Hawk Road should call Placer Alert (530-886-5390) to inquire about the condition of their property.
- **El Dorado County** residents should go to the online interactive map (tinyurl.com/4pkuijs9) and zoom in to their property or type their address in the search field.