











# MOSQUITO FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-16-2022 Time: 7:00 a.m.



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tinyurl.com/MosquitoFire

Size: 69,908 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: 73 Total Structures Damaged: 13

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 continued to hold the Mosquito Fire within existing control lines along its western and southern flanks. The aggressive work of firefighters has minimized damage and further spread into affected communities along the fire's edge. With the threat of stronger winds in the coming days due to an incoming cold front, crews will relentlessly patrol the fire's perimeter for heat, smoke, and any potential issues that could cause the fire to jump containment lines. On September 13th, firefighters and the public saw firsthand how quickly a spot fire could jump control lines and threaten the communities again with little to no time to escape.

On Thursday, the fire's eastern flank remained active with steady growth towards the Ramsey Crossing area. There, crews are using defensive firing operations along the Eleven Pines Road and control lines running south through Devil's Peak to stop the fire's growth towards McCulloh. Firefighters have continued work to hook the fire around the southeast corner by constructing control lines and using strategic firing operations when possible in the Stumpy Meadows area. Crews plan to utilize the Wentworth Springs Road as well as hand and dozer lines moving north across the Rubicon River drainage. With increased smoke shading on the northern portion of the fire, firefighters have made progress in holding their control lines along Deadwood Road.

The persistent southwest winds will continue and become even stronger as the approaching cold front arrives this weekend. Cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and wetting rains are forecasted for Sunday and lasting into early next week. Firefighters will welcome precipitation, but the stronger winds have the potential to cast embers farther out in front of the fire. Crews will continue the difficult work of constructing primary and contingency lines ahead of the north and eastern portions of the fire. With multiple steep and rugged river drainages to navigate, creating contingency lines will provide firefighters and communities with a secondary safety net should the fire jump primary control lines.













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#### **EVACUATIONS — PLACER COUNTY**

Placer County interactive evacuation map: <u>placer.ca.gov/evacuations</u>. 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/3ATtgao

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)

#### **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 (<u>tinyurl.com/4pkujys9</u>) and zoom in to their property or type their address in the search field.