



# MOSQUITO FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-17-2022 Time: 7:00 a.m.



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

**Size:** 71,292 acres  
**Containment:** 21%  
**Total Personnel:** 3,453

**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](mailto:2022.Mosquito@firenet.gov)  
**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:** 78  
**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

Evacuation Orders for portions of Georgetown were lifted on Friday, September 16 at 4:00 p.m., with repopulation starting for the areas west of Wentworth Springs Road at Citabria Lane, north of Greenwood Road, and Graybar Mine Road, east of Highway 193 at Sliger Mine Road, and south of Bottle Hill Road and Snow Cap Road. As firefighters and cooperators make progress in ensuring that the threat of fire has been mitigated and the infrastructure is safe for each surrounding community, more evacuation orders will be lifted.

Overnight, firefighters continued patrolling and securing control lines in anticipation of increased gusty winds coming into the fire area today ahead of the advancing storm system. Winds are forecasted to peak mid-afternoon with 20-25 mph gusts along the ridges. These winds will test containment lines and have the potential to spread embers and start spot fires ahead of the eastern flank.

With the moderated fire behavior on Friday and last night due to the smoke inversion, crews and equipment continued constructing direct and indirect control lines to the north and east of the Mosquito Fire. Firefighters face challenging terrain in the North and Middle Forks of the American River to the east of the oncoming fire front. Crews have been successful in their operations to cut off the west and north corners, with the southeast corner fire growth slowing on its own as it burns into the King Fire scar. The burn operation in Middle Fork drainage below Todd Valley has been completed, and crews will continue to monitor and hold their control lines.

The weather changes will be the biggest challenge for firefighters over the next several days. Increased gusty southwest winds will arrive Saturday, with the main weather front and the first round of precipitation forecasted to begin early Sunday. Rainfall is predicted to last through Wednesday, with wetting rain totals nearing 1" by the end of the system. While the rain will help moderate and slow the fire's growth, it is not forecasted to be a season-ending event. With the critically dry fuels and warmer weather back in the forecast for later next week, firefighters will use this weather system as an opportunity to make significant progress in containing the fire.



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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/3ATtgao](http://bit.ly/3ATtgao)

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: Stumpy Meadows  
Area Name: Georgetown - Orders remain for Sliger Mine Road north of Loriel Drive and Spanish Dry Diggins Road north of Odyssey Falls Drive

**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  
Area Name: Georgetown - West of Wentworth Springs Road at Citabria Lane, North of Greenwood Road and Graybar Mine Road, East of Highway 193 at Sliger Mine Road.



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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:**

- 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 multiple orders.

- The Rubicon Jeep Trail Closure went into effect on Friday, September 16 and is covered by two orders: Tahoe National Forest Order No. 17-22-10 ([tinyurl.com/3uapupe5](https://tinyurl.com/3uapupe5), includes map) and Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Order No. 19-22-07 ([tinyurl.com/2p9ckfcr](https://tinyurl.com/2p9ckfcr), includes map).
- Tahoe National Forest Order No. 17-22-09 ([tinyurl.com/2dfxw6v9](https://tinyurl.com/2dfxw6v9), includes map)
- 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 is currently 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:** The Damage Inspections Report (DINS) for Placer County is now complete. The report highlights the results of the inspection of every structure within the perimeter of the fire on the Placer County side. Visit [tinyurl.com/i9b28ufb](https://tinyurl.com/i9b28ufb) to get the most updated information on what was affected.

**El Dorado County:** Residents should go to the online interactive map ([tinyurl.com/4pkujys9](https://tinyurl.com/4pkujys9)) and zoom in to their property or type their address in the search field.