



# MOSQUITO FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

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

**Size:** 74,748 acres  
**Containment:** 34%  
**Total Personnel:** 3,729

**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/incidents/2022/9/6/mosquito-fire/](https://fire.ca.gov/incidents/2022/9/6/mosquito-fire/)

**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

Colder temperatures, good humidity recovery, and precipitation arrived overnight with the forecasted storm system. Rain showers are expected to continue throughout the day and become heavier this evening and into Monday. Southwest winds are predicted to become stronger midday with 24-28 mph gusts over the ridges. Higher humidity and temperatures in the 50s are expected for the fire area today.

Firefighters worked throughout the night to patrol, hold, and improve existing containment lines around the fire's perimeter, especially along the impacted communities on the south and western flanks. On the north end of the fire, crews continued to monitor and hold the control lines on Deadwood Road as there had been increased pockets of heat below those lines on Friday. Firefighters continued suppressing fire activity and secured the slope over along the eastern front between the Middle Fork of the American River and French Meadows Road. Crews successfully continued firing operations overnight along the Interbay Road until precipitation arrived early this morning. These operations continue to aid firefighters in stopping the fire's spread eastward. Day shift firefighters will work to tie in control lines coming down from the Eleven Pines Road through Devil's Peak to the rim of the Rubicon River. Control lines consisting of dozer and hand lines connect the dots around the southeast corner back to Stumpy Meadows and Wentworth Springs Road.

As rain showers are forecasted to continue through the day and become heavier overnight, crews will look for opportunities to make containment progress as it is safe to do so. Firefighters will continue shoring up the corners of the fire and ensure the southern and western flanks hold along the communities. Firefighters will also continue the process of backhauling unneeded hose, tools, and equipment from areas where they are no longer needed. Each day, operations section chiefs, law enforcement officials, and cooperators continue reevaluating the evacuation status of communities as they work towards safely repopulating these areas.



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## EVACUATIONS — PLACER COUNTY

Interactive evacuation map: [placer.ca.gov/evacuations](http://placer.ca.gov/evacuations), Mosquito Fire information: [tinyurl.com/234azf6d](http://tinyurl.com/234azf6d)

**Evacuation Orders** are in effect for the following Placer County zones: 1 (Michigan Bluff), 2 (Baker Ranch Mobile Home Park), 3, 4 (Downtown Foresthill), 5, 6, 7 (Todd Valley), 8 (Sierra Vista Mobile Home Park), 9 (North Side of Foresthill Road), 10 (Spring Garden / Whitehawk Ridge), 11A (Yankee Jims and Shirttail Canyon), 14, 21, and 22.

**Evacuation Warnings** are in effect for the following Placer County zones: 12, 15 (Foresthill Road at Lake Clementine), 23, 25 (Sawtooth Ridge to the American River), and 26.

## EVACUATIONS — EL DORADO COUNTY

Interactive evacuation map: [bit.ly/3ATtqao](http://bit.ly/3ATtqao), Mosquito Fire information: [edcgov.us/mosquito-fire-information](http://edcgov.us/mosquito-fire-information)

**Evacuation Orders** are in effect for the following El Dorado County areas: Volcanoville, Quintette, Bald Mountain, Grey Eagle, Canyon Creek, Stumpy Meadows, and portions of Georgetown (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 El Dorado County areas: Cool, Garden Valley, Swansboro/Slate Mountain, East Stumpy Meadows, and portions of Georgetown (west of Wentworth Springs Road at Citabria Lane, north of Greenwood Road and Graybar Mine Road, and east of Highway 193 at Sliger Mine Road).

## 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).

## 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)



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## NATIONAL FOREST CLOSURES

National Forest System lands, roads, and trails in the vicinity of the Mosquito Fire are closed under multiple orders. Maps are included in the Orders linked below.

- Rubicon Jeep Trail: Tahoe National Forest Order No. 17-22-10 ([tinyurl.com/3uapupe5](https://tinyurl.com/3uapupe5)), Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Order No. 19-22-07 ([tinyurl.com/2p9ckfcr](https://tinyurl.com/2p9ckfcr))
- Tahoe National Forest Order No. 17-22-09 ([tinyurl.com/2dfxw6v9](https://tinyurl.com/2dfxw6v9))
- Eldorado National Forest Order No. 03-22-16 ([tinyurl.com/5dxz5cp6](https://tinyurl.com/5dxz5cp6))

## STRUCTURE STATUS

In both Placer and El Dorado counties, Damage Inspection Specialist (DINS) Teams have completed assessments of all structures within the Mosquito Fire perimeter. The status of each structure can be found on either Placer County's interactive map [tinyurl.com/j9b28ufb](https://tinyurl.com/j9b28ufb) or El Dorado County's interactive map [tinyurl.com/4pkujys9](https://tinyurl.com/4pkujys9).