



# MOSQUITO FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

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

**Size:** 76,290 acres  
**Containment:** 38%  
**Total Personnel:** 3,722

**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:** 8,290

**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

With the significant increase in containment and tireless work by firefighters and cooperators to ensure that communities would be safe for repopulation, a large number of Mosquito Fire evacuees were allowed back home today. Both the Placer and El Dorado County Sheriff Offices downgraded many of the Evacuation Orders and Warnings in their perspective counties this afternoon.

Rain showers covered most of the fire area throughout the day. The cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and wet conditions subdued fire activity around the fire. Firefighters took advantage of these slower fire conditions to construct direct control lines along portions of the fire's edge on the eastern flank. Firefighters with hand tools and heavy equipment, such as dozers, were out in force constructing these control lines. Crews worked in the area of the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the American River as well as the Interbay Road. Despite the rain showers, crews were able to successfully conduct firing operations along the Interbay Road and connecting control lines due to the sustained dry fuel moisture in the vegetation. Firefighters were able to continue strengthening and holding control lines around the southeast corner near Stumpy Meadows.

A majority of the aircraft assigned to the incident was able to be used throughout the day. Aircraft primarily focused on assisting the ground crews on the eastern flank of the fire. Helicopters were actively engaged in both water and retardant dropping missions. These air operations are a great resource for ground crews to knock down hot spots and reinforce control lines with retardant to the stop the fire's progression.

Heavier rains and continued southwest winds are forecasted overnight and into Monday. A possibility of scattered thunderstorms may occur Tuesday. Firefighters will continue direct and indirect line construction along the eastern flank of the fire. Crews will patrol and mop up all existing containment lines along the southern and western flanks to ensure there are no threats to life and property in those communities.



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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, 7A (Patent Road), 14, 21, and 22.

**Evacuation Warnings** are in effect for the following Placer County zones: 7B (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), 23, and 25 (Sawtooth Ridge to the American River).

## 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, and West Stumpy Meadows and Stumpy Meadows.

**Evacuation Warnings** are in effect for the following El Dorado County areas: Canyon Creek, Bald Mountain, Bottle Hill, Grey Eagle, East Sand Mountain, Silver Hill, and 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).

## 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://www.tinyurl.com/3uapupe5)), Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Order No. 19-22-07 ([tinyurl.com/2p9ckfcr](https://www.tinyurl.com/2p9ckfcr))
- Tahoe National Forest Order No. 17-22-09 ([tinyurl.com/2dfxw6v9](https://www.tinyurl.com/2dfxw6v9))
- Eldorado National Forest Order No. 03-22-16 ([tinyurl.com/5dxz5cp6](https://www.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/i9b28ufb](https://www.tinyurl.com/i9b28ufb) or El Dorado County's interactive map [tinyurl.com/4pkujys9](https://www.tinyurl.com/4pkujys9).