











# MOSQUITO FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-20-2022 Time: 7:00 a.m.



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tinyurl.com/MosquitoFire

Size: 76,290 acres Containment: 39% Total Personnel: 3,037 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/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: 244

Structures Threatened: 2,382 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**

The current storm brought wetting rain showers overnight, with storm totals ranging from 0.75 to 2-inches over the fire area thus far. Despite the continued precipitation, lingering areas of heat remain in pockets of smoldering heavy fuels and places such as stump holes. Rain showers are expected to continue throughout the day, with the potential of isolated thunderstorms. A Flash Flood Watch remains in effect for the fire area with a possibility of ash and debris flows associated with thunderstorms. The cooler temperatures and high humidity will continue to give firefighters the opportunity to gain ground on the containment of the Mosquito Fire.

On Monday, a large number of evacuation orders were lifted in both Placer and El Dorado counties as the fire continued to hold within its existing containment lines on the southern and western flanks. Several areas remain under evacuation orders due to their proximity to the fire and ongoing safety concerns, which firefighters and cooperators are working diligently to mitigate. Unified Command and cooperators meet daily to ensure that everything is being done to return all evacuees to their homes as soon as possible.

Throughout this storm, firefighters remain in the communities continuing to patrol areas with existing containment lines for any potential issues. Crews are also aggressively engaging in building direct control lines along the fire's edge. This weather event has given firefighters a great opportunity to knock out the fire while it is down. Adding containment to the fire's eastern flank has become the priority, which is no easy task in rugged terrain, especially with the rainy weather. The multiple river canyons remain challenging for firefighters to safely access and build control lines. Access to portions of the fireline has become compromised with the significant amount of rain received. Due to muddy conditions, many dirt roads that crews use to access the fire's edge cannot be used. Firefighters will continue looking for opportunities around the fire, especially on the eastern front, to continue constructing and securing direct control lines ahead of a warming and drying weather trend forecasted to start this Thursday.













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#### **EVACUATIONS — PLACER COUNTY**

Interactive evacuation map: placer.ca.gov/evacuations, Mosquito Fire information: tinyurl.com/234azf6d

**Evacuation Orders** are in effect for the following Placer County zones: 1A, 3A, 4A, 14, 21 and 22 **Evacuation Warnings** are in effect for the following Placer County zones: 1B, 2, 3B, 4B, 5, 6, 7A, 23, and 25.

#### **EVACUATIONS — EL DORADO COUNTY**

Interactive evacuation map: bit.ly/3ATtqao, Mosquito Fire information: edcgov.us/mosquito-fire-information

**Evacuation Orders** are in effect for the following El Dorado County areas: Stumpy Meadows. **Evacuation Warnings** are in effect for the following El Dorado County areas: Volcanoville, Quintette, 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.

#### **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. Maps are included in the Orders linked below.

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

#### STRUCTURE STATUS

In both Placer and EI 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 <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/i9b28ufb">tinyurl.com/i9b28ufb</a> or EI Dorado County's interactive map <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/4pkujys9">tinyurl.com/4pkujys9</a>.