



MOSQUITO FIRE

INCIDENT UPDATE

September 29, 2022



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tinyurl.com/MosquitoFire

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

Start Date & Time: Tuesday, 9-6-2022, 6:27 p.m.

Cause: Under Investigation

Location: Mosquito Road at Oxbow Reservoir

Suppression Strategy: Full Suppression

Total Structures Destroyed: 78

Total Structures Damaged: 13

Size: 76,775 acres

Containment: 85%

Total Personnel: 1,381

CURRENT SITUATION

While the Mosquito Fire has not grown, more smoke will be produced from interior pockets of unburned vegetation which is slowly burning well within the contained area of the fire's footprint. Heavier fuels, such as large trees, retain heat for quite some time. What little moisture the fire received last week was not enough to extinguish these fuels. Fire managers do not expect any challenges throughout the next couple of operational periods. To date, over 236 miles of bulldozer line have been constructed, and over 23 miles of control lines have been hand dug by crews. Active fire suppression, suppression repair activities, and hazard tree mitigation all remain priorities. Removing dangerous trees from fire areas will take considerable time, and crews are working diligently on this task, especially along Mosquito Ridge Road.

Due to multiple ongoing hazardous operations requiring the use of heavy equipment from several agencies, Mosquito Ridge Road will be closed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily until further notice. Please plan accordingly. Staffed roadblocks will be located at **Mosquito Ridge Road** at the intersection of **Foresthill Road**; **Elliot Ranch Road** at the intersection of **Foresthill Road**; **Eleven Pines Road** at the intersection of **Wentworth Springs Road**; **French Meadows Road** at the intersection of **Soda Springs Road**

This closure will remain in effect each day until equipment has exited the roadway. Residents and permit holders will only be allowed access before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. with proof of residency or with a permit issued by the U.S Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest. Once the closure hours are in effect, anyone remaining in the area will not be able leave until after 6 p.m. No other access will be granted. This closure is necessary to ensure public safety as numerous pieces of large, heavy equipment, and personnel on foot will be operating in this area mitigating hazard trees and repairing utility infrastructure.

OTHER ROAD CLOSURES

- For Placer County Road closures, visit ReadyPlacer.org
- For El Dorado County road closures, visit EDCGov.us

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.

- Tahoe National Forest Order No. 17-22-09 (tinyurl.com/2dfxw6v9)
- Eldorado National Forest Order No. 03-22-17 (tinyurl.com/3rtd9rm9)