



MOSQUITO FIRE

INCIDENT UPDATE

October 2, 2022



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Size: 76,788 acres
Containment: 90%
Total Personnel: 1,540

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

CURRENT SITUATION

Based on current and expected fire activity, this will be the final daily update for the Mosquito Fire.

Firefighters on the Mosquito Fire worked yesterday to extinguish areas of smoke which were visible in the north and northwestern most area of the fire. Resources were still actively engaged in strengthening control line around a 300-acre area of unburned fuel to the north and have begun to search for and extinguish hot spots around this island. This island is well within a control line. Aircraft used infrared technology to find areas of heat remaining near the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the American River and the Rubicon River, and fire personnel are extinguishing these areas as safety allows.

Incident managers indicate that crews are on track to meet all suppression goals. Containment is currently 90-percent. Suppression repair efforts are underway in areas of the fire that are no longer posing a potential risk of escape. Hazard tree abatement will take extensive time, but safety and future reduction of risk (to humans and wildfires) is top priority for fire managers. More crews and specialized equipment are arriving daily as personnel time-out and are released to their home units or to support other incidents.

The Burned Area Emergency Response team has released the Mosquito Post-Fire Soil Burn Severity Map. Data used for the map development was collected from satellite imagery and then field validated over several days. Along with burn severity, the map shows land ownership and acreage. To view the map and to follow the continued efforts of and recommendations from the BAER team, visit <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8430>.

ROAD AND NATIONAL FOREST CLOSURES

- Mosquito Ridge Road will be closed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily until further notice. Staffed roadblocks will be located at several intersections.
- For Placer County Road closures, visit ReadyPlacer.org
- For El Dorado County road closures, visit EDCGov.us
- National Forest System lands, roads, and trails in the vicinity of the Mosquito Fire are closed under multiple orders: Tahoe National Forest Order No. 17-22-09 (tinyurl.com/2dfxw6v9); Eldorado National Forest Order No. 03-22-17 (tinyurl.com/3rtd9rm9)