Quarry Fire Update

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Stanislaus National Forest Incident Management Team (Type-3)

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Fire Statistics:

Location: The Quarry Fire is located on the Miwok Ranger District, Stanislaus National Forest, off Forest Road 3N01, east of Bourland Creek and approximately four miles west of the Emigrant Wilderness Border.

Acres burned to date: 29 acres.

Cause: Lightning
Total Personnel: 46

Injuries: 0

<u>Background:</u> The Quarry fire was one of many fires ignited by lightning strikes across the forest on September 9, 2023. District fire managers immediately worked to ensure these naturally ignited fires stayed within predetermined boundaries. Fire personnel with the Stanislaus National Forest are currently managing the Quarry Fire to achieve multiple resource objectives.

These objectives include benefits such as reducing concentrations of dead ground fuels, re-establishing multigenerational timber stands, improving wildlife habitat, promoting vegetation diversity, and re-introducing fire into fire adapted ecosystems.

Today's Activities:

Today crews brought fire across the ridgetop near Forest Road 3N16 to allow it to slowly move down towards Forest Road 3N01. Crews successfully burned 20 acres bringing the total acreage of the Quarry fire to 29 acres.

The optimal conditions today allowed burn out operations to consume accumulated fuels resulting in very little smoke impacts.

Allowing natural fire to spread where it is effectively managed will increase forest resiliency.

Crew 2, Crew 3, Engine 332 will be onsite all night.



Michael Juette from Crew 3 and Julian Gonzalez from Engine 332 at the lookout watching the Quarry Fire.



Looking southeast towards Forest Road 3N01 at the Quarry fire.



September 19, 2023: Quarry fire near Forest Road 3N01.