

Quarry Fire Update
Saturday, September 23, 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: 1,490 acres

Cause: Lightning

Total Personnel: 97

Injuries: 0

Background: 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 pre-determined 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:

Crews continued ignitions primarily along 3N22, 3N22A, 3N45Y, 3N27 AND 2N71. Firing on the eastern side of the fire progressed well, while the northwest portions went slower due to shaded and shelter fuels. Shaded and sheltered fuels typically have higher moisture content and are more protected from the wind, thus more resistant to burning than fuels that are more exposed to sunlight.

The public is asked to avoid roads within active fire areas for their safety and the safety of the fire professionals, so they may continue to do the good work on the ground. The following soft closures are in effect on Forest Roads in the vicinity of Clavey Meadow, Bourland Quarry, near Bourland Creek and Reynolds Creek:

- 3N21 where it meets 3N16
- 2N71 where it meets 3N16
- 3N21 where it meets 3N01
- 3N22 where it meets 3N01

Smoke impacts from the Quarry Fire drifted down into the Pinecrest Basin and surrounding area today.

Crews will be onsite all night.



Kyle Holmquist, Contract Timber Faller from Colfax, California prepares to fall a dead standing tree above Forest Service Road 3N01 on 9.23.23.



Good consumption of ground fuels within the Quarry Fire off of Forest Road 3N01 on 9.23.23.



Smoke from the Quarry Fire today during firing operations. Smoke impacts from the Quarry Fire drifted down into the Pinecrest Basin and surrounding area today. 9.23.23.