

Quarry Fire Update
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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: 1,774

Cause: Lightning

Total Personnel: 102

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:

Fire acreage will continue to grow as crews take advantage of weather and burning conditions suitable to accomplish and safely promote the spread of this naturally ignited wildfire.

Crews ignited fire from the ridge tops along the east side of the fire filling in unburned areas. They also worked filling in areas to the north and west, creating a patchwork of burned and unburned fuels.

Crews prepped areas to protect natural and cultural resources where fire may pass through.

A UAS (unmanned aircraft system) crew scouted areas for potential aerial ignitions in the north tomorrow.

Soft closures remain in effect and are subject to change based on fire activity. Please avoid these areas:

- 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 are visible in the area. Check out the fire and smoke map at fire.airnow.gov for more information.