

Quarry Fire Update
Tuesday, September 26, 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: 1,774 **Total Personnel:** 102
Cause: Lightning **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:

Today a UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) was deployed at 2 p.m. in support of the Quarry Fire. The UAS is beneficial as it can cover large areas and flown over steep terrain that is difficult for fire crews to access. The UAS applied aerial ignitions moving low intensity fire from the northeast edge of the fire to the south, filling in unburned areas along the ridgeline down to the main body of the fire and bounded to the west by FS Road 3N27.

Fire managers are intentionally allowing this natural fire to grow and spread in areas where it can be safely and effectively managed, thus the size of the Quarry Fire will be growing. Currently the general boundaries of the fire are west of Emigrant Wilderness, west and north of Reynolds Creek, east of 2N14 and 2N16 and south of Bourland Meadow. The natural role of the Quarry Fire will help restore this landscape and it's ecosystems to a healthier condition, reducing wildfire risk like the Rim Fire, in the future.

As of today, the following soft closures are in effect:

- 3N21 where it meets 3N16
- 2N71 where it meets 3N16
- 3N21 where it meets 3N01
- 3N22 where it meets 3N01
- 3N34Y
- 3N01L
- 3N01J
- 3N01H

Individuals travelling in these areas are asked to stay off of these roads where fire crews are working.

Smoke impacts from the Quarry Fire will be settling in to low lying areas tonight in the Pinecrest Basin, Tuolumne East Sonora and Long Barn. Check out the fire and smoke map at fire.airnow.gov for more information.

