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 Today: 1,263 Cause: Lightning Injuries: 0

Acres Burned to Date: 3,368 Total Personnel: 139

<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 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 reintroducing fire into fire adapted ecosystems.

Current Activities:

UAS (Unmanned Aerial System) crews brought low intensity fire down the ridge of the north west flank of the fire near 3N40, filling in unburned areas towards Reynolds Creek to the east. Another UAS crew conducted reconnaissance in the north west corner east of 3N16 to scout out additional burning opportunities.

Crews brought fire down along the ridge near 3N27A filling in unburned areas to the east of 3N27.

Crews continued falling dead standing trees along 3N01 and 3N16 in preparation for future firing operations.

In addition to fire crews, Resource Advisors are providing professional knowledge and expertise for the protection of natural, cultural, special management areas, and other resources on the Quarry Fire.

As of September 26, 2023, 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
- 3N16
- 3N01 between Bourland Creek to Reynolds Creek

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

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