



Region 05, Pacific Southwest Region, Stanislaus National Forest

Quarry Fire Update

Sunday, October 1st, 2023

Incident Management Team (Type-3)

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Fire Statistics:

Location: The Quarry Fire is located on the Stanislaus National Forest, Mi-Wok Ranger District, off Forest Road 3N01, east of Bourland Creek and adjacent to the Emigrant Wilderness Border.

Acres Burned Today: 40

Cause: Lightning

Total Personnel: 123

Acres Burned to Date: 5,557

Containment: 13.5%

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.

Current Activities: Crews cleared roads and removed hazard trees, reducing the build-up of dead wood on the forest floor, and consolidating the wood into piles. Piled wood consumes faster, reducing lingering smoke impacts.

Fire professionals are managing fire behavior and intensity to provide for multiple resource benefits including reducing concentrations of all fuels, re-establishing multigenerational timber stands, improving wildlife habitat, promoting plant diversity, and re-introducing fire into fire adapted ecosystems.

Closures: Soft closures are in effect to provide for the safety of the public utilizing public lands as well as fire personnel working in the area. The soft closures are an encouragement for the public to stay clear of the area, to find alternate routes to their locations and to provide fire personnel the widest berth possible as they go about their mission.

With the public's cooperation, we will continue to monitor the number and duration of soft closures, recognizing that fire personnel and public safety is the focus.

As of September 30, 2023, the following soft closures are in effect:

3N21 where it meets 3N16

3N34Y

3N16

2N71 where it meets 3N16

3N01L

3N16 at 3N94

3N21 where it meets 3N01

3N01J

3N22 where it meets 3N01

3N01H

Smoke: Smoke impacts from the Quarry Fire, the prescribed burns of the Experimental Forest, Dry Meadows and Beardsley Burn units on the Summit Ranger District will cause smoke to settle in low lying areas. Check out the fire and smoke map at fire.airnow.gov for more information.