



Region 05, Pacific Southwest Region, Stanislaus National Forest

Quarry Fire Update

Sunday, October 15th, 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 near the Emigrant Wilderness west of Cherry Creek.

Cause: Lightning **Acres Burned to Date:** 6,752 **Containment:** 41% **Total Personnel:** 57

Current Activities: Yesterday crews took advantage of the warming and drying weather trend for another successful day of burning. Building on progress from the day before, fire personnel made headway in the northeast burning in Rock Creek as they brought fire towards Coffin Hollow increasing fire depth in this area. Crews allowed low intensity fire to clean and connect areas between Hells Mountain east towards Cherry Ridge. The focus is on igniting the abundant dead and down surface fuels and timber litter on the ground, making way for renewed, healthy plant growth.

Background: The Quarry fire was one of 42 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.

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 encourage 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 October 15th, 2023, the following soft closures are in effect:

3N17 where it meets 3N29
3N16

Smoke: The amount of smoke in the air is carefully planned for. Burn Bosses are in close alignment with and get approvals from the [Tuolumne County Pollution Control District](#) each day to burn the maximum amount of acreage that will not negatively impact air quality to an unsafe level. Additionally, firefighters monitoring smoke are staged around the vicinity of the fire to adjust tactics to minimize smoke impacts.

If possible, minimize outdoor activity if you are sensitive to smoke. Smoke does tend to settle in low-lying areas in the evenings to the mornings, so camping and recreating in this vicinity is not advised. To check air quality, visit fire.airnow.gov.

More Information:

INCIWEB - Quarry Fire Info - <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/castf-2023stfquarry-fire>

Stanislaus National Forest - Official Website - <https://www.fs.usda.gov/stanislaus>

Smoke Info - <http://fire.airnow.gov>