

## Quarry Fire Update

Thursday, September 28, 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 Today:** 1,369  
**Acres Burned to Date:** 4,737

**Cause:** Lightning  
**Total Personnel:** 159

**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.

### **Current Activities:**

Both UAS (Unmanned Aerial System) crews worked together along the eastern flank bringing fire toward the Emigrant Wilderness boundary west of Cherry Creek and Reynolds Creek to the east.

Crews brought fire down the western flank towards FS Rd 3N16, filling in unburned areas.

Fire managers are strategically using this lightning caused fire to benefit the overall health of this fire-adapted forest. Wildfires are a natural part of the Stanislaus National Forest ecosystem. The Quarry Fire will improve the landscape in the long term as favorable burning conditions are resulting in a mosaic of low intensity burn effects.

### **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 each, recognizing that fire personnel and public safety is the focus.

As of September 28, 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
- 3N01 at 3N16
- 3N16 at 3N94
- 3N01 at 2N05X

### **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](http://fire.airnow.gov) for more information.