

## Quarry Fire Update

Friday, September 29, 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:** 819

**Cause:** Lightning

**Injuries:** 0

**Acres Burned to Date:** 5,517

**Total Personnel:** 114

**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:**

Crews completed firing on the eastern flank bringing fire down to Reynolds Creek. Favorable burning conditions produced good consumption of heavy dead and down woody material. UAS (Unmanned Aerial System) conducted reconnaissance for future burning opportunities.

On the western flank of the fire, crews on the ground and crews flying the UAS brought fire down to the 3N27C road, filling in the unburned areas.

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 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.