



Sequoia National Forest

2024 SQF Lightning Incident Update

Tuesday, July 16, 2024



Fire Information: 559-481-7849, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Acorn Fire: 7 acres

Packsaddle Fire: 50 acres

Trout Fire: 2,095 acres

Total Personnel: 155

Current Situation: California Interagency Incident Management Team 14 assumed command of the 2024 SQF Lightning Incident on July 15, 2024, which includes the Acorn, Packsaddle, and Trout Fires, all burning within the Sequoia National Forest. Full suppression efforts are being implemented for each of these fires. With continued extended hot and dry conditions experienced in much of the western United States, critical resources are drawn down due to multiple large incidents. As resources on the incident complete suppression efforts on the smaller two fires, Acorn and Packsaddle, crews will be redirected to the Trout Fire.

Acorn Fire: Firefighters have worked tirelessly to construct control lines around the entire fire perimeter of the Acorn Fire. Located south of Breckenridge Road near the Breckenridge Campground within Kern County, this fire is being held at approximately 7 acres. Yesterday, crews utilized hoselines and water to mop up and extinguish remaining hot spots. Crews will continue to strengthen and hold these containment lines with the goal of placing the fire into patrol status and redirecting resources to the Trout Fire.

Packsaddle Fire: The Packsaddle Fire remained smoldering and creeping on Monday allowing firefighters to complete control lines around the perimeter as well as around multiple spot fires from the previous day. The fire's growth had been slowed using aerial retardant that allowed crews to use direct attack methods. The fire remains at approximately 50 acres and is located 4 miles east of the Fairview Campground within Tulare County. Today, crews will ensure that containment lines are holding with no threat of escape and redirect resources to the Trout Fire.

Trout Fire: The Trout Fire is the most active of the three fires and burning in an area of no recent fire history. The fire is approximately 2,095 acres and burning in the Trout Creek and Machine Creek drainages. The topography within the Dome Land Wilderness in Tulare County is steep, rugged, and mountainous. Aircraft continue to support the incident through retardant drops to hold the fire from spreading in key locations. Firefighters and resources are being positioned to stop the fire's northern and eastern spread.

Weather: A slow downward trend in temperatures and probability of thunderstorms remain forecasted for this week while higher temperatures are expected for the weekend. Fuels remain critically dry, which allows for rapid and intense burning conditions.

Evacuations: There are currently no evacuations in effect for this incident. Please be aware of your surroundings and continue to monitor fire conditions.

Fire Closures: [Forest Order No. 0513-24-11](#) has been issued to provide for public safety due to the Trout Fire. Fire restrictions are also in effect on the Sequoia National Forest. See [Forest Order No. 0513-24-10](#) for details (tinyurl.com/4pdjthvu).