



# 2024 SQF Lightning / Borel Fire Incident Update

Tuesday, July 30, 2024



**Fire Information:** 559-481-7849, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
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**Trout Fire:** 23,369 acres | 33% contained  
**Total Personnel:** 1,059

**Long Fire:** 9,204 acres | 95 % contained  
**Borel Fire:** 57,306 acres | 17% contained.

For more information on the Borel Fire, visit: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/casqf-borel-fire>

**Current Situation:** The Borel Fire has burned over 57,306 acres in five days. As fire crews come off the line this morning, others who are rested and ready to battle the fire will replace them. The Borel Fire has burned with extreme intensity and negatively impacted communities. In its aftermath, thorough inspections of all damaged or destroyed structures will be conducted, ensuring every affected home and structure is carefully documented. This compassionate approach will help us make informed decisions for swift and efficient recovery, providing the necessary resources and support to those in need. Ensuring the safety of residents and protecting property remain top priorities. KRN-100-B, 102-B, 419 and 744 have been placed under an Evacuation Warning. Evacuation warnings and orders enhance safety for residents and allow emergency personnel to concentrate on controlling the fire. Residents can check the status of their zone using Genasys Protect's interactive map at [tinyurl.com/jcdv55f9](https://tinyurl.com/jcdv55f9). The Borel fire is under a unified command led by the California Interagency Incident Management Team (CIIMT) 11, and the Kern County Fire Department.

**Borel Fire:** The Borel Fire has slowed its progression due to a change in fuel complexion as vegetation goes from dry grass to green brush as well as mountains, rocky terrain to the east. The southern edge of the fire is north of Walker Basin, where crews constructed handline to hold the fire in its current footprint. In the northern section, crews used both direct and indirect tactics to establish a contingency line off of Kern Canyon Road, holding the fire south of Sandy Dip. On the eastern section of the fire, aerial resources, including helicopters and air tankers, are supporting ground crews in slowing the fires progression near Libel Peak. Firefighters are focusing on protecting structures and establishing containment lines around the most active fire fronts. Today, fire behavior is expected to be moderate with higher humidity and wind gust up to 25 mph on the peaks.

**Trout Fire:** Fire growth was minimal on Monday with dry, warm and windy conditions. Crews to make progress in suppressing hot spots along the fires edge. On the southern perimeter, crews continue to camp near the fireline in the Domeland Wilderness to extinguish lingering areas of heat and construct fireline with hand tools from Sirretta Pass toward Smith Meadow.

**Long Fire:** Fire activity remains minimal with containment at 95 percent.

**Weather & Air Quality:** Cooler, humid conditions are expected today with wind gusts up to 25 mph. Westerly winds will remain elevated on ridgetops throughout Sunday night. A daily smoke outlook is produced for communities affected by wildfire smoke: [tinyurl.com/452x2uzr](https://tinyurl.com/452x2uzr).

**Sequoia National Forest & BLM Closures & Restrictions:** Sequoia National Forest lands, roads, trails, and recreation sites around the Trout and Long Fires are temporarily closed under Forest Order No. 0513-24-12. Lands, roads, trails, and recreation sites around the Borel Fire are closed under Forest Order No. 0513-24-14. Fire restrictions are in effect under Forest Order No. 0513-24-10. All orders, maps, and accompanying appendices can be found on the Forest's website: [tinyurl.com/2en2d36k](http://tinyurl.com/2en2d36k). The Bureau of Land Management Bakersfield Field Office has temporarily closed Long Valley Campground, Chimney Creek Campground, and portions of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). View the emergency closure order here: [tinyurl.com/4mprcb9b](http://tinyurl.com/4mprcb9b). The PCT is closed between Hwy 178 at Walker Pass (mile 653) and the South Fork of the Kern River bridge (mile 717.7).

**Evacuation Center:** Residents under an evacuation warning or order can go to either the Tehachapi Education Center (126 S. Snyder Ave., Tehachapi) or Burroughs High School (500 E French Ave, Ridgecrest). Animal services are available to assist in sheltering companion animals at the center. Contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.

**Large-Animal Assistance:**

The rodeo grounds in Kernville (467 Scodie Ave., Kernville) is available for residents who need to move large animals or livestock. For more information, contact Orion, Kernville Chamber of Commerce, 661-340-0026.

**Road Closures:** State Route 178 is closed from 4.1 mi east of the junction of SR 184 to Democrat Springs. View the interactive Caltrans map for the most current road closure information: [quickmap.dot.ca.gov/](http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/). Portions of Caliente Bodfish Road are also closed. Visit the Kern County Public Works Department website for the most up to date information on county road closures ([tinyurl.com/z6crvp6t](http://tinyurl.com/z6crvp6t))

**Evacuations:** Everyone in areas of active fires should "Know Your Zone." Go to [Genasys Protect](http://Genasys.Protect) ([tinyurl.com/jcdv55f9](http://tinyurl.com/jcdv55f9)) to identify the zone you reside in.

- Kern County has multiple evacuation orders and warnings in effect due to the Borel Fire. The following zones are under an evacuation **order**: KRN-403-A, KRN-403B, KRN-734, KRN-735, KRN-736, KRN-737, KRN-738, KRN-739, KRN-740, KRN-741, KRN-742, KRN-743, KRN-747-A, KRN747-B and KRN-748.
- The following zones are under an evacuation **warning**: KRN-100-B, KRN-102-B, KRN- 419, KRN- 729, KRN-730, KRN-731, KRN-732, KRN-733, KRN-744, KRN-749, KRN-750 and KRN-752
- Tulare County has evacuation warnings and advisories in effect due to the Trout and Long Fires. The following zones are under an evacuation **warning**: TLC-E274-B and TLC-E261-B. The following zones are under an evacuation **advisory**: TLC-E297-A, TLC-E250, TLC-E274-A, and TLC-E261-A.