



2024 SQF Lightning / Borel Fire Incident Update

Wednesday, July 31, 2024



Fire Information: 559-481-7849, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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Trout Fire: 23,369 acres | 49% contained
Total Personnel: 1,356

Long Fire: 9,204 acres | 95 % contained
Borel Fire: 58, 682 acres | 34% 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 58,00 acres. Inspections of all damaged or destroyed structures is being 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. There are still evacuation orders and warnings in place. Evacuation warnings and orders enhance safety for residents and allow emergency personnel to concentrate on controlling the fire. KRN-100-B, 102-B, 419 and 744 are latest zones under an Evacuation Warning. See the Evacuation section below for current evacuation zones. Residents can check the status of their zone using Genasys Protect's interactive map at 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. Crews are constructing dozer line east of Caliente-Bodish Road. On the eastern section of the fire, aerial resources, including helicopters and air tankers, are supporting ground crews in slowing the fires progression near Brown Meadow. 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 28 mph on the peaks.

Trout Fire: Fire growth was minimal on Tuesday with dry, warm and windy conditions. Crews are making progress 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 28 mph. Westerly winds will remain elevated on ridgetops throughout Wednesday night. A daily smoke outlook is produced for communities affected by wildfire smoke: 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](https://www.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](https://www.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: 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](https://www.tinyurl.com/z6crvp6t))

Evacuations: Everyone in areas of active fires should "Know Your Zone." Go to [Genasys Protect](https://www.Genasys.com/Protect) ([tinyurl.com/jcdv55f9](https://www.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.