



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Sierra National Forest

Basin Fire Update

Sunday July 7, 2024

Public Fire Information: 559-468-6809, 8 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Media Information: 559-492.9967

Email: 2024.basin@firenet.gov

Facebook: [@SierraNF](https://www.facebook.com/SierraNF)



PEOPLE AND EQUIPMENT: 1,028 personnel, 24 crews, 38 engines, 10 helicopters, and 14 dozers

CURRENT SITUATION: The Basin Fire is at **14,020** acres. Containment is now **60%**. Temperatures will reach 112 degrees today. This heat wave impacts the fire by drying out the vegetation and producing heat stress challenges for fire personnel. After today, temperatures will decrease gradually by about 2 degrees a day.

With fire activity reduced, equipment and personnel are shifting to suppression repair, remaining ready to respond to any new fire activity or being released for work elsewhere. The equipment and personnel resources continue to be shifted as conditions dictate to active wildfires both statewide and nationally.

Northern perimeter: Crews succeeded in constructing a helicopter landing area west of the Dinkey Creek drainage despite steep, rugged terrain. This major accomplishment enabled firefighters to tie-in the fire line in an area that was previously inaccessible north of Sycamore Springs Road to the northern apex of the fire. Crews will continue to work this area today.

Suppression Repair: Dozers have switched from building contingency line to working on suppression repair. Crews will begin returning areas of the fire line to as natural a state as practicable to minimize future erosion and enhance wildlife habitat as the fire area recovers.

An **EXCESSIVE HEAT WARNING** continues to affect the fire with high temperatures, drying vegetation, and little relief at night. Temperatures are forecast to reach as high as 112 today and relative humidity remains low. Winds are forecast to remain low, from the west at 6-10 mph and gusts to 15. The National Weather Service has reported that “A heat wave this intense, this long, has set record temperatures throughout the San Joaquin.” Cooling stations and fans have been set up at the fire command post and on the fire line to help reduce the cumulative effects of heat stress on firefighters.

The Basin Fire started on June 26, 2024, and the cause is currently under investigation. Currently, the fire is at 2000-4500 elevation, northeast of Pine Flat Lake, west of the Spanish Mountain, south of Black Rock Rd (11S012) and north of the South Fork of the Kings River.

Updates are posted on Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/casnf-basin-fire>.

Trapplines: This is the **last day** for updates being posted in the community.

*****CHANGE IN EVACUATION ZONES***:** The **mandatory evacuation order** remains in place **only** for Fresno County zones **K30** and **K40**. Evacuation *warnings* remain in effect for zones K29, K31, K41, and K166. Check the Fresno County Evacuation map:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e7d6006a016a444db8b210ac4d2eb5cf>

FOREST CLOSURE and FIRE RESTRICTIONS for the Basin Fire: To ensure the safety of the public and our firefighters, The Sierra National Forest has issued a Temporary Partial Forest Closure for the Basin Fire area. Effective June 30, 2024, the closure will remain in effect until July 30, 2024. We urge the public to respect all closure signs and barriers and to avoid the area **to prevent any potential accidents or interference with firefighting efforts.**

Sierra National Forest has also implemented temporary fire restrictions prohibiting campfires, welding, and smoking in non-developed campsites.

Visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra> for more information or call the Sierra National Forest (559) 297-0706 during business hours for questions.

FOREST VISITORS: This Fire may affect YOU!!!

- The following campgrounds are CLOSED due to this fire: Bear Wallow Campground, Black Rock Campground, Gravel Flat Group Campground, Kirch Flat Campground, Kirch Flat Group Campground, Oak Flat Campground, Ross Crossing Campground, Sawmill Flat Campground, Bretz Mill Campground.

- Check <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra> for the Forest closure area map. Roads & trails in this area are **CLOSED.**

- This is NOT a good year for a campfire outside of any of the open campgrounds. Please see the message above to contact the Sierra National Forest.

- AIR QUALITY** is being impacted by Basin Fire smoke. Please check the air quality for your destination at www.airnow.gov. Today's Smoke Outlook is available.

- Fireworks are NOT permitted on Federal land.
- Camp safely and keep hydrated during your stay.