



Sheering Fire

Monday, July 8, 2024



LOCATION: Stanislaus National Forest

ACRES: 528

INJURIES/ACCIDENTS: 2 (minor)

DATE STARTED: June 24, 2024

PERCENT CONTAINED: 12%

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 174

Fire Resources include: 5 Hand Crews, 1 Helicopter, 7 Engines, 1 Dozer, 1 Water Tender

CURRENT SITUATION: Yesterday, firefighters performed hand ignitions between the fire line off of Forest Road 3N01 to the slowly progressing fire's northeast edge, facilitating the consumption of unburned fuel and further securing the line. This added approximately 34 acres of fire growth. An Unmanned Aerial System (UAS or drone) continues to be used to detect areas of high-intensity and scattered heat within the perimeter and identify heavy fuels that could carry fire beyond its current footprint. On the western edge, containment was gained after firefighters completed a hose lay and mop-up, extinguishing hotspots, falling hazardous trees, and removing burning material along Forest Road 2N85. Firefighters continue to hold and monitor the eastern containment line along Forest Road 3N01. The most challenging portion of the fire in the southern perimeter above Lost Creek continues to be scouted and assessed for opportunities to place primary fire line. Due to topography, heavy fuels and excessive dead trees from the 2013 Rim Fire, this location is difficult for firefighters to access, and a strategy that prevents risking firefighter safety is the top priority. Dozers have constructed and continue to improve a contingency line on the ridge above Lost Creek.

WEATHER & FIRE BEHAVIOR: In areas where the fire is active, especially in the northeast perimeter of the fire, fire behavior continues to be low to moderate, with a slow rate of spread. Red Flag warnings remain in place for locations north of the fire area; very hot and dry conditions are expected over the fire area. Above-average temperatures will continue throughout the week, with poor humidity recovery across the fire area. Winds will be out of the northeast up to 6 mph.

SMOKE CONDITIONS: Although this fire has not produced notable smoke for several days, this region may experience occasional smokey and unhealthy conditions from a combination of burning fires in central California. For more information on air quality, go to: <https://fire.airnow.gov/>

FIRE RESTRICTIONS: There are currently no fire restrictions on the Stanislaus National Forest; however, please check before you go, as fire restrictions periodically change throughout the year and vary from area to area. We remind all forest visitors that responsible fire use is crucial, and unpermitted fires can lead to devastating wildfires, endangering lives, property, and landscapes. Everyone is required to obtain a campfire permit to have fires in dispersed campsites. To obtain a fire permit, go to any Forest Service office or online at <https://readyforwildfire.org/permits/>

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For additional fire information, go to the following link or QR code:
<https://bit.ly/2024-Sheering-Fire>

