

2024 SQF Lightning Incident Update

Saturday, August 03, 2024



Fire Information: 917-921-5226, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Inciweb Fire Info: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/casqf-2024-sqf-lightning>



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Trout Fire: 23,559 acres | 49% contained

Long Fire: 9,204 acres | 95 % contained

Total Personnel: 321

Trout Fire: Fire behavior moderated yesterday due to cloud cover, increased humidity, and some rainfall. Today's warming, however, will quickly dry out fuels. Interior islands will continue to burn. Spotting to the north over Sherman Pass Road could further increase fire spread. Crews will continue to hold Sherman Pass Road and Bald Mountain Ridge. Cloudy and cooler conditions, combined with possible thunderstorms, will amplify the risk of fire spread. Warm temperatures and moderately gusty south/southeast winds will contribute to these dynamics. The chance of dry lightning and gusty outflow winds remains, increasing the possibility of fire movement primarily in areas with unsecured fire line.

Long Fire: Fire activity remains minimal with containment at 95 percent. A patrol status is being maintained to periodically reassess for any changes.

Weather & Air Quality: Hot and dry conditions are anticipated through the weekend. Sunny skies are anticipated today with temperatures between 89-99 degrees and 70-78 degrees at 7000 feet. Residual monsoon moisture will maintain a slight chance of showers with a 7% chance of wetting rain. Humidity levels are trending down to 25-40% during the day and 35-45% in the evening. Temperatures are expected to increase through the weekend with a decrease in relative humidity. 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. 0513-24-13. All orders, maps, and accompanying appendices can be found on the Forest's website: 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. 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). 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: The Trout Fire Closure Area boundary begins at the intersection of the Sequoia National Forest Boundary and Sierra Way (Mtn 99) in Section 14, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian, then continues approximately 76.5 miles south, east, north, and west along the Forest Boundary to its intersection with the North Fork of the Kern River in Section 1, T. 20 S., R. 34 E., MDB&M, then continues along Mtn 99 approximately 20.3 miles to the starting point. Visit the Forest Service Forest Orders and Forest Regulations website for more info on closures in the Sequoia National Forest (tinyurl.com/4zrmvnzy)

Evacuations: Everyone in areas of active fires should “Know Your Zone.” Go to Genasys Protect (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-735, KRN-736, KRN-737, KRN-738, KRN-739, KRN-740, KRN-741, KRN-742, KRN-743, KRN-747-A, and KRN747-B.
- The following zones are under an evacuation **warning**: KRN-100-B, KRN-748, KRN-102-B, KRN-419, KRN-744, and KRN-750
- 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.