

2024 SQF Lightning Incident Update

Monday, August 05, 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
Total Personnel: 256

Long Fire: 9,204 acres | 95 % contained

Trout Fire: Crews will continue to hold and mop-up Sherman Pass Rd from Bald Mountain to indirect line and improve former line to Sirretta Pass. Chipping operations progress in the Cherry Hill area. Personnel will be utilized to improve the trail from the termination of Mosquito Meadow Rd to Big Meadow and the adjacent ridge to the west, enhancing protection to the community of Horse Meadow. Interior pockets have consumed to the point that the risk of short-range spotting is decreasing under current weather conditions. Continued warming and drying may promote further spread in unlined areas.

Long Fire: Fire activity remains minimal with containment at 95 percent. A patrol status is being maintained to periodically reassess for any changes. Crews will begin suppression repair assessment in effected areas. Grading operations will commence.

Weather & Air Quality: Continued high pressure over the area will allow for a slight increase in temperatures, low daytime relative humidity (RH) with poor overnight recoveries. Winds will follow typical diurnal patterns, with the strongest winds in the afternoon through evening. Ridge winds will be from the south/southwest 5-10 mph with gusts to 15 mph. By the afternoon and evening, both valley/slope and ridge winds will be from the southwest to west from 10-15 mph with gusts up to 20-25 mph. Max temperatures at 7000 FT are expected to be 77-84 degrees. Overnight temperatures are expected to be 60-65 degrees with a maximum RH 25-35%. 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 \(tinyurl.com/jcdv55f9\)](http://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-A, KRN-740, KRN-741-A, KRN-747-A, and KRN747-B.
- The following zones are under an evacuation **warning**: 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.