

2024 SQF Lightning Incident Update

Wednesday, August 07, 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 | 68% contained

Long Fire: 9,204 acres | 98 % contained

Total Personnel: 264

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. Handline improvement will be underway from H37-H38. Chipping operations will continue along road systems that contain debris created during suppression operation. Suppression repair to continue in the Sirretta Meadows area. Continue to monitor and patrol the east flank of the fire. Crews will be working to improve line in steep country. The warming and drying trend will increase the threat of short-range spotting especially with the onset of stronger northwestern winds. Heavy surface and ground fuels will continue to generate heat.

Long Fire: Fire activity remains minimal with containment at 98 percent. A patrol status is being maintained to periodically reassess for any changes. Suppression repair assessments have begun in effected areas. Rehab work continues in Kennedy Meadows, along with grading operations and dozer line repair in effected areas. Crews are coordinating removal of structure protection wrap from The Rock House.

Weather & Air Quality: Warm, dry conditions will continue today with cumulus build-ups to the north of the fire. A slow cooling trend begins Thursday onward as pressure aloft gradually weakens. Max temperatures of 79-86 degrees are expected today with a minimum relative humidity (RH) of 13-20%. West/northwest wind speeds of 9-14 mph with gusts of 24 mph are expected after 2pm. On ridges/exposed areas wind speeds of 11-17 mph with gusts of 26 mph are expected. Tonight, minimum temps across the fire will range from 49-63 degrees with RH recoveries between 30-47 percent.

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](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-B, KRN-736, KRN-737, KRN-738, KRN-739-A, KRN-740-B, KRN-741-A, KRN-747-A, and KRN747-B.
- Tulare County has evacuation warnings and advisories in effect due to the Trout and Long Fires. The following zones are under an evacuation **advisory**: TLC-E250, TLC-E261-A, TLC-E261-B, TLC-E274-A, TLC-E274-B, and TLC-E297-A.