

2024 SQF Lightning Incident Update

Monday, August 12, 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: 23,597 acres | 70% contained

Long Fire: 9,204 acres | 98% contained

Total Personnel: 160

Trout Fire: Crews will continue to improve, patrol, and monitor fire lines along eastern and southern flanks of the fire. Transition to damage assessment and suppression repair continues with a group being established to focus on these efforts where needed across both fires. Excess hose and equipment are being inventoried and backhauled. All crews have been extracted in steep country where there will be continued monitoring by air. The fire is burning in sparse fuels under timber understory. With the forecasted weather the fire will struggle to reach the indirect line for the next several days.

Long Fire: Fire activity remains minimal with containment at 98 percent. No forward fire progression is expected. The Long fire is being monitored by air. Suppression repair work was completed in the Kennedy Meadows area and grading operations have concluded on Canebrake Rd.

Weather & Air Quality: A trough moving through central California will lead to an increase in winds along with a decrease in temperatures through mid-week. Continued low relative humidity (RH) due to a dry airmass moving into the region. Max temperatures of 70-80 degrees are expected today with a RH of 18-27%. West to west/northwest wind speeds of 15-25 mph with gusts of 35 mph are expected after 3pm. On ridges/exposed areas wind speeds of 20-30 mph with gusts of 45 mph are expected. Tonight, minimum temps across the fire will range from 43-57 degrees with RH recoveries between 28-69 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](#). 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). 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: The Tehachapi Education Center (126 S. Snyder Ave., Tehachapi) has been placed in a standby status, due to no residents currently utilizing the service. 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.

Evacuations: Currently, Tulare County has no evacuation warnings or advisories in effect. Everyone in areas of active fires should “Know Your Zone.” Go to [Genasys Protect](#) to identify the zone you reside in.