



Forest Service  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

# Borel Fire Incident Update

Sunday, August 4, 2024



**Fire Information:** 559-481-7849, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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**Acres:** 59,389

**Total Personnel:** 1504

**Containment:** 57%

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For more information on the Borel Fire, visit: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/casqf-borel-fire>

**Community Meeting:** Today, August 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Borel Fire Community Meeting at 1:30 p.m., at Woodrow Wallace Middle School Gymnasium, located at 3240 Erskine Creek Road, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

**Current Situation:** The Borel Fire remains at 59,389 acres and is 57% contained. Its footprint has not grown in the past two days. Overnight, 35 mph winds tested the containment lines in the northern portions of the fire and although there were minor flare ups, the line held well. Ensuring the safety of residents and protecting property remain top priorities. Damage inspection teams remain in place to assess all impacted structures within the fire perimeter. While areas of the fire are still actively burning, crews are performing mop-up, patrol, road clearing, and suppression repair activities. Contingency groups continue to scout and construct line.

**Borel Fire:** We will continue to see hotter and dryer conditions, as the warming trend continues. The eastern and southeastern portion of the fire are still active near Erskine Creek, where access has been difficult, but crews have worked their way into the area and made good progress constructing handline. We anticipate connecting and completing this segment of line by the end of shift today. Contingency line construction continues as crews are clearing around roadways and constructing dozer line to protect the community of Claraville. The fire remains north of Walker Basin. Firefighters are patrolling and improve handline in that area. To the north, crews continue clearing roads and patrolling in the Kern Canyon Road corridor and have held the fire south of Sandy helicopter dip site. Saddle Springs Road is holding and crews are building and improving handline. Patrolling and monitoring activities continue along Caliente-Bodish Road.

**Trout and Long Fire:** For continuing information, please visit:

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

**Weather & Air Quality:** The warming and drying trend will continue, for several days, into the middle of the week. Westerly winds will remain over the fire today with gusts up to 18 mph and a slight chance of rain. A daily smoke outlook is produced for communities affected by wildfire smoke: [tinyurl.com/452x2uzr](https://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. 0513-24-12. Lands, roads, trails, and recreation sites around the Borel Fire are closed under Forest Order No. 0513-24-14. Fire restrictions are in effect under Forest Order No. 0513-24-10. All orders, maps, and accompanying appendices can be found on the Forest's website: [tinyurl.com/2en2d36k](https://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](https://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 the Tehachapi Education Center located at 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:** Portions of Caliente Bodfish Road are also closed. Visit the Kern County Public Works Department website for the most up to date information on county road closures ([tinyurl.com/z6crvp6t](http://tinyurl.com/z6crvp6t))

**Evacuations:** Everyone in areas of active fires should “Know Your Zone.” Go to [Genasys Protect](http://Genasys.Protect) ([tinyurl.com/jcdv55f9](http://tinyurl.com/jcdv55f9)) to identify the zone you reside in. Several changes to evacuation orders and warnings have been announced, as described below. Those that remain under an evacuation warning should stay PREPARED to leave.

Be advised, the Borel Fire is not fully contained, only the zones listed below have been reduced. All other evacuation orders and warnings are still in effect. Please be aware that firefighting activities will continue for several more days or weeks. If any other areas become threatened, additional warnings and instructions will be issued.

**Zone 735:** Genasys Zone KRN-735 has been split North and South at Ball Mountain. The southern portion, now KRN-735-B, will remain in an Evacuation ORDER. The northern portion, now KRN-735-A, has been downgraded to an evacuation WARNING.

**Zone 739:** Genasys Zone KRN-739 has been split East and West at Caliente Bodfish Road. The eastern portion, now KRN-739-A, will remain in an Evacuation ORDER. The evacuation order for the western portion, now KRN-739-B, has been LIFTED. There are no further advisories for KRN-739-B.

**Zone 740:** Genasys Zone KRN-740 has been split North and South at lower Thompson Canyon Ave. and Indian Oak Road. The northern portion, now KRN-740-B, will remain in an Evacuation ORDER. The evacuation order for the southern portion, now KRN-740-A, has been LIFTED. There are no further advisories for KRN-740-A.

**Zone 750:** The southern portion, KRN-750-A, will remain in Evacuation Warning status. Those that remain under an evacuation warning should stay PREPARED to leave.

The Genasys Protect zone status is listed below.

- 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, KRN-747-A, and KRN747-B.
- The following zones are under an evacuation **warning**: KRN-735-A, KRN-748, and KRN-750-A.