



# Borel Fire Incident Update

Wednesday, August 7, 2024



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

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**Acres:** 59,340

**Total Personnel:** 1,118

**Containment:** 79%

A Local Assistance Center will be opening for those affected by the Borel Fire from Saturday, August 10, through Tuesday, August 13, from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm at the Lake Isabella Senior Center, 6401 Lake Isabella Blvd. Lake Isabella, CA 93240. If you need assistance, please call 661-873-2660.

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

**Current Situation:** The Borel Fire remains at 59,340 acres with 79% containment. Last night the fire crossed over the line on the east side of the fire and was quickly caught at ¼ acre; crews held it in check with no further growth. Personnel increase containment lines and continue to mop up to greater depths behind the fire line. Interior fuels will continue to burn for several days and may produce additional smoke within the fire perimeter.

**Borel Fire:** Crews continue to monitor and patrol along the northern edge of the fire near Highway 178 and south of Bodfish. Both air and ground resources are available and working along Sunrise Highway/02 Road area to strengthen containment lines near Bald Peak on the northeastern portion of the fire. The area near Browns Meadows is still inaccessible, however, the fire is not expected to spread in this location. Crews are making progress working on handline on the eastern and southwest flanks of the fire to reduce the uncontained areas. Suppression repair (improving and restoring those areas have been damaged due to suppression efforts) has begun in the southern part of the fire and equipment that is no longer needed is being retrieved. Critical infrastructure needs in the affected communities continue to be assessed and repaired to ensure the area is safe from not only fire damage, but all other hazards.

**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 today and will begin cooling Thursday and continue through the weekend. Temperatures will range from 102-106 degrees in the fire area with westerly winds over the fire today 8-12 mph with gusts up to 28 mph tonight.

**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).

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

**Evacuation Center:** The Tehachapi Education Center located at 126 S. Snyder Ave., Tehachapi has been placed in a standby status, due to no residents currently utilizing the service. The shelter is available and ready to assist upon request if the need arises for the communities affected by the evacuation orders and warnings. Animal services are available to assist in sheltering companion animals at the center. Contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to utilize these services.

**Large-Animal Assistance:** The rodeo grounds in Kernville (467 Scodie Ave., Kernville) are 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](https://tinyurl.com/z6crvp6t)).