

# Incident Update

## Borel Fire/SQF Lightning Fires

Wednesday, August 14, 2024



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

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**Borel Fire:** 59,288 Acres | 91% Contained  
**Total Personnel:** 867

**Trout Fire:** 23,597 Acres | 70% Contained  
**Long Fire:** 9,204 | 98% Contained

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**Borel Fire:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/casqf-borel-fire>

**SQF Lightning:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-maps-gallery/casqf-2024-sqf-lightning>

**Current Situation:** We want to thank the New York City Fire Department Type 3 Incident Management Team for their efforts managing the SQF Lightning Fire over the past weeks. This morning, the team managing the Borel Fire (CA Interagency Incident Management Team 2) have assumed command of the Trout Fire and Long Fire. Fire activity is minimal, and is not posing a threat to additional growth. Fire suppression repair activities continue.

**Borel Fire:** Firefighters are still on high alert for potential new fires that start in the immediate area and are ready for a rapid response. Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) teams have arrived and will begin to determine the need for and to prescribe and implement emergency treatments to stabilize and prevent unacceptable degradation to natural and cultural resources. We encourage residents re-entering the area to proceed with caution to avoid unseen hazards caused by the fire, and help maintain the safety of repair crews working in the area.

**Trout Fire:** The fire continues to smolder and move slowly uphill in steep terrain. Crews will construct several miles of fire line to increase containment. Fire suppression repair operations continue in the fire area.

**Long Fire:** This fire is 98% contained, and nearly all Long Fire personnel have been reassigned to Trout or Borel. The area is being monitored, there is no threat, and no changes are expected.

**Sequoia National Forest & BLM Closures & Restrictions:** The Borel Fire Piute Mountains Area Closure begins at the northwest corner of Section 30, Township 27 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues approximately 47 miles around the Sequoia National Forest Boundary to the starting point. 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 Office is lifting the emergency closure of the Creek Campground, a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail, and Canebrake Road in Tulare County. The closures were in place for public and firefighter safety in relation to the management of the SQF Lightning Complex Fire and are no longer necessary due to the lack of fire progression. The closures are lifted as of Tuesday, August 13. Long Valley Campground and Long Valley Loop road remain closed. View the emergency closure order here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8rxcxh>.

**Road Closures:** Sherman Pass Road is closed from Mountain Highway 99 to the Blackrock Information Center. Visit the Kern County Public Works Department website for the additional information on county road closures ([tinyurl.com/z6crvp6t](https://tinyurl.com/z6crvp6t))

**Evacuations:** All Borel Fire evacuations have been lifted. Everyone in areas of active fires should "Know Your Zone." Go to [Genasys Protect \(tinyurl.com/jcdv55f9\)](https://tinyurl.com/jcdv55f9) to identify the zone you reside in.