

2024 SQF Lightning Incident Update

Friday, August 02, 2024



Fire Information: 917-921-5226, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Media Line: 917-921-5226, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Email: 2024.lightning@firenet.gov

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



facebook.com/SequoiaNF/



x.com/SequoiaForest

Trout Fire: 23,438 acres | 49% contained
Total Personnel: 321

Long Fire: 9,204 acres | 95 % contained

Trout Fire: Interior islands burned through the night with low to moderate intensity. The southern flank in the area of the Pinnacles saw moderate fire behavior with short range spotting. Crews will continue direct line construction along the eastern and southern flanks of the fire where terrain permits. Crews will be utilized to improve the trail from the termination of Mosquito Meadow Rd to Big Meadow and the adjacent ridge to the west, enhancing protection to the community of Horse Meadow. Fire spread outside the current containment lines is anticipated to be minimal, however, gusty winds and potential for thunderstorms raise concern for short-range spotting.

Long Fire: Fire activity remains minimal with containment at 95 percent. A patrol status is being maintained to periodically reassess for any changes.

Weather & Air Quality: Hot and dry conditions are anticipated through the weekend. Monsoonal moisture will bring a chance of showers and thunderstorms with possible dry lightning along with strong downdrafts with outflow winds of 30-40mph. Triple-digit heat is expected over the lower elevations of the fire complex by Sunday and Monday. These hot and dry conditions combined with the potential for dry lightning has resulted in a period of critical fire weather. A Red Flag Warning has been issued through Friday night. A daily smoke outlook is produced for communities affected by wildfire smoke: 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. 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) or Burroughs High School (500 E French Ave,

Ridgecrest). 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 closed. Visit the Kern County Public Works Department website for the most up to date information on county road closures (tinyurl.com/z6crvp6t)

Evacuations: Everyone in areas of active fires should “Know Your Zone.” Go to 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-734, KRN-735, KRN-736, KRN-737, KRN-738, KRN-739, KRN-740, KRN-741, KRN-742, KRN-743, KRN-747-A, KRN747-B and KRN-748.
- The following zones are under an evacuation **warning**: KRN-100-B, KRN-102-B, KRN- 419, KRN- 729, KRN-730, KRN-731, KRN-732, KRN-733, KRN-744, KRN-749, KRN-750 and KRN-752
- Tulare County has evacuation warnings and advisories in effect due to the Trout and Long Fires. The following zones are under an evacuation **warning**: TLC-E274-B and TLC-E261-B. The following zones are under an evacuation **advisory**: TLC-E297-A, TLC-E250, TLC-E274-A, and TLC-E261-A.