



COFFEE POT FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: Sunday, August 18, 2024



@SequoiaKingsNPS
@CAL FIRE Tulare Unit

Fire Information: (559) 565-3341
Hours: 09:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Email: 2024.coffeepot.ca@firenet.gov



@sequoiaandkingscanyonnp5018

Incident Website:
inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/caknp-coffeepot-fire

Location: West of Homers Nose
on Salt Creek Ridge
Size: 621 acres
Cause: Lightning

Start Date: Monday, August 3, 2024, at 10:05 AM
Percent Contained: 0%
Personnel: 135

COFFEE POT FIRE PUBLIC MEETING TONIGHT: A public meeting about the Coffee Pot Fire will be held tonight, August 18, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will occur at the Three Rivers Memorial Building, 43490 Sierra Drive, Three Rivers. If you can't attend in person, you can watch the meeting live on the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Facebook page @SequoiaKingsNPS.

CURRENT SITUATION:

As of 7:00 a.m., California Interagency Incident Management Team 5 and CALFIRE, Tulare Unit, have taken command of the Coffee Pot Fire. The fire is a full-suppression fire burning on lands managed by Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and the Bureau of Land Management.

Yesterday, the fire was actively burning down slope in steep, rugged terrain and doubling in size daily. Today, crews will begin establishing control lines on the south and west flanks around the fire's perimeter. Hand crews will start at South Fork Road on the west flank and construct a new indirect control line to the north. On the south flank, they will also construct a new indirect control line towards South Fork Road, approximately one mile from the park boundary. The purpose of the new control lines is to keep the fire away from the community of Three Rivers. On the east flank of the fire, firefighters will begin to scout opportunities to create indirect handlines away from the fire's edge. They are also planning, if needed, a defensive firing operation to protect the Surprise Grove of Giant Sequoia. Firefighters will be aided by water-dropping helicopters.

WEATHER:

The area is expected to have below-average temperatures for the rest of the weekend and the upcoming week. Light and variable winds from the west at 5 to 8 mph.

SMOKE IMPACTS:

You can check how wildfire smoke impacts your area at: AirNow.gov

Wildfires are a no-fly zone for unauthorized aircraft, including drones. **If you fly, we can't.** For more information, visit <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.