



BEAR FIRE

INCIDENT UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

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Fire Information: 530-395-1276

Hours: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Email: 2024.bear.ca@firenet.gov

Incident Information: inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/catnf-bear-fire-tahoe-national-forest

Location: South of Sierra Brooks off Bear Valley Rd., Tahoe National Forest

Personnel: 512

Start Date: 9/2/2024 @ 2:00 PM

Size: 3,325 acres

Cause: Undetermined

Percent contained: 45%

Yesterday, crews continued their efforts to repair the areas that were impacted by fire suppression in the southeast region of Smithneck Road and 56 Road. These activities include mitigating long-term environmental impacts and facilitating the restoration of the affected landscape. Firefighters are working on approximately 61 miles of dozer lines, 11 miles of road, and 12 miles of hand lines will require suppression repair to be completed.

Today, the fire perimeter is expected to remain within its current footprint. Several sections of the fire-affected area have transitioned to patrol status, indicating significant progress in containment. Firefighters will persist in containment efforts and closely monitor the contained sections to prevent wind-driven interior fires from escaping the perimeter. The western Sierra Nevada area near Reno is currently experiencing Red Flag conditions, characterized by dry weather, low humidity, and strong winds, which increase the risk of wildfires. While the Bear Fire is not currently situated within a Red Flag area, its proximity to these conditions and the possibility of similar weather patterns affecting the region could lead to increased fire activity. Mop-up and repair operations will continue, employing heavy equipment such as dozers, chippers, and excavators.

Several evacuation zones have been downgraded to normal status with the fire's containment progressing. However, an evacuation order persists within the fire perimeter, and the area remains inaccessible to the public. It is imperative to remember that Forest Closures and Evacuation Orders remain in place to safeguard both the public and firefighters. Any unauthorized entry into these restricted areas is strictly forbidden.

WEATHER:

Wind speeds are expected to increase as a cold front approaches on Wednesday. Winds of 25 mph are expected today in the fire area.

EVACUATIONS:

Sierra County: Evacuation order and warnings remain in effect. For an interactive map of evacuations, visit:

<https://protect.genasys.com/search>.

FOREST CLOSURE:

A forest closure has been issued, For more information visit the Tahoe National Forest website at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tahoe/alerts-notices>.