




BEAR FIRE

INCIDENT UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

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Fire Information: 530-395-1276
Hours: 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Email: 2024.bear.ca@firenet.gov

 www.instagram.com/tahoenationalforestofficial
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Incident Information: inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/catnf-bear-fire-tahoe-national-forest
CAL FIRE Information: www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/9/2/bear-fire
Sierra County Sheriff's: sierracounty.ca.gov/853/Bear-Fire-2024

Location: South of Sierra Brooks off Bear Valley Rd., Tahoe National Forest
Personnel: 913
Start Date: 9/2/2024 @ 2:00 PM
Size: 3,325

Cause: Undetermined
Percent contained: 23%

Our main goal on the Bear Fire is to protect the public with care and dedication. We're committed to ensuring the safety of both you and our firefighters while managing the fire to safeguard your forests, communities, and natural areas.

Even with changes in the weather, including stronger winds and a chance of thunderstorms, there were no major weather-related issues affecting the fire. Fire crews successfully contained the fire around the Smithneck Creek State Wildlife area, which is east of Smithneck Road and north of Dodge Canyon. The crews are working hard to gain containment on the fire's perimeter and improve the direct fire lines. Aircraft were used for water drops throughout the day.

During the night, crews concentrated on improving the direct fire lines, moping up hot spots, and continuing suppression efforts. There will be no further aircraft in the evening.

Today, we will focus on reinforcing the existing fire lines to minimize the fire's impact on nearby communities and to increase containment. Mop-up operations will continue across the area affected by the fire.

WEATHER:

Wind with a Southwest flow is expected for the next several days with a breezy pattern throughout the area. Winds gusts may reach upwards of 20mph but are not expected into critical conditions. Temperatures will remain warm. A 5% chance of thunderstorms to the east, followed by increasing southwest winds this weekend into next week.

EVACUATIONS:

Sierra County: Evacuation order and warnings remain in effect. For an interactive map of evacuations, visit: <https://protect.genasys.com/search>. There is a road closure at 49 and Smithneck Road that remains.

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-notice>.