




# COFFEE POT FIRE

## INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: Thursday, September 5, 2024

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### Incident Website:

[inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/caknp-coffee-pot-fire](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/caknp-coffee-pot-fire)

**Fire Information:** (559) 492-9988

**Hours:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Email:** [2024.coffeepot.ca@firenet.gov](mailto:2024.coffeepot.ca@firenet.gov)

**Unified Command:** CAIIMT15 & CAL FIRE

**Fire Size:** 12,915 acres

**Percent Contained:** 23%

**Primary Strategic Control Line:** 94%

**Personnel:** 1,522

**Cause:** Lightning

**Park Information:** (559) 565-3341

**Hours:** Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Start Date:** Saturday, August 3, 2024, at 10:05 a.m.

**Location:** Southeast of Three Rivers, CA

**CURRENT SITUATION:** Yesterday, firefighters prioritized operations on the fire's northern flank. Crews enhanced direct control lines along the East Fork Kaweah River while tactical water tenders applied retardant along Mineral King Road. Using tactical water tenders allow aviation support to concentrate on other areas. All spot fires along the northern flank were identified, contained, and extinguished. Moving east along the Kaweah River, firefighters patrolled the fire as it slowly backed down toward the river. In coordination with crews on the ground, drones conducted aerial ignition operations to produce low-intensity fire to moderate the effects around the giant sequoia groves near Eden Creek. Heavy equipment was used to continue road and trail repair to the south. Mop-up operations continued along the southern flank of the fire.

Today, crews will focus on reinforcing direct control lines in the north. Aircraft, in conjunction with crews on the ground, will slow the progression and intensity of the fire. In the south, crews will continue to improve control lines along South Fork Drive and Salt Creek Road. Firefighters will continue to mop-up and mitigate hazardous trees in contained fire areas.

**WEATHER:** High pressure will remain over the area, keeping conditions hot and dry. Winds today will shift from the overnight drainage to upslope in the morning and stay through the afternoon. With high pressure overhead, the inversion may break later in the morning, trapping smoke in the valleys into the early afternoon, especially in sheltered areas. Skies will remain mostly sunny, with a few clouds over the Sierra Crest.

**SMOKE IMPACTS:** Three Rivers, Hammond, and Springville will experience the most smoke impacts this morning, with levels reaching UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS to UNHEALTHY before improving to MODERATE during the afternoon and evening. The Giant Forest will likely see the highest concentrations during the afternoon and evening, reaching UNHEALTHY at times. Communities as far north as Oakhurst may see levels increase to MODERATE through the day into tonight. For more information on current wildfire smoke impacts in your community, please visit [AirNow.gov](https://airnow.gov) or [fire.airnow.gov](https://fire.airnow.gov).

**EVACUATION NOTICES:** The Tulare County Sheriff's Office has issued Evacuation ORDERS due to current fire conditions for Genasys zones TLC-E094-C, TLC-E094-E, TLC-E094-D, and TLC-E094-B. An evacuation ORDER, also known as a mandatory evacuation, means that all residents and visitors should leave now before the fire reaches the community. If you are unable to evacuate and require

assistance, please call 9-1-1. In case of sheltering needs or questions regarding sheltering, please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.

The Tulare County Fire Department has also issued Evacuation WARNINGS for zones TLC-E128-B, TLC-E093-A, TLC-E093-B, TLC-E095, TLC-E127-B, and TLC-E128-A. To find your zone, please refer to: [protect.genasys.com](http://protect.genasys.com).

**FIRE INFORMATION:** A Public Information Officer will be at the Three Rivers Village Market daily from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to provide fire information and answer questions.

**BLM AND PARK CLOSURES:** The portion of South Fork Drive within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and trails accessed from the road, including the Ladybug and Garfield Grove Trails, are closed. Recreational access to the Mineral King area of Sequoia National Park is closed to the public. This applies to Mineral King campgrounds, trailheads, and area trails. All other areas of the parks are open but are likely to be impacted by varying levels of smoke and poor air quality. Park closure information is available online at [nps.gov/seki](http://nps.gov/seki). The Bureau of Land Management has also issued a closure of the Case Mountain Extensive Recreation Management Area at [blm.gov/press-release](http://blm.gov/press-release).

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** Wildfires are a no-fly zone for unauthorized aircraft, including drones. If you fly, we can't. For more information, visit [knowbeforeyoufly.org](http://knowbeforeyoufly.org).