



# COFFEE POT FIRE

## INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024

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**Command:** SACIMT2

**Fire Size:** 14,086

**Percent Contained:** 79%

**Primary Strategic Control Line:** 96%

**Personnel:** 597

**Cause:** Lightning

**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)

**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’s weather conditions, with cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity, reduced fire activity. In the northeastern section of the fire, crews continue to reinforce the control lines along the East Fork Kaweah River towards Scratch Creek. Crews will be strengthening control lines in the area around Homers Nose and in the Horse Creek drainage. Along the southern and western flanks of the fire, crews are patrolling, mopping up and monitoring for hot spots. Crews continue to work on removing flammable materials and hazardous trees along Mineral King Road. Suppression repair, minimizing soil erosion, preventing impacts to water quality, and restoring pre-fire conditions as much as possible, was completed along the western control line. As crews continue to patrol the control lines, unneeded equipment will be backhauled from the southern and western flanks of the fire.

**WEATHER:** Temperatures will remain cooler than normal today but are expected to be 10 degrees warmer than yesterday. The expected high in areas over 5,000 feet in elevation is 61 degrees. Conditions will be mostly sunny. Relative humidity will bottom out around 50%. Sustained west winds will reach 3-7 mph with gusts of 12-18 mph. Potential for rainfall, with wetting amounts included, increases on Wednesday and Thursday.

**SMOKE IMPACTS:** Expect similar air quality conditions today, with little smoke production. All communities in the outlook area will be in the GOOD range throughout the day. Some MODERATE conditions late afternoon in Hammond and Springville possible, based on fire activity. 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 Fire Department has issued Evacuation WARNINGS for zones TLC-E094-B, TLC-E094-C, TLC-E094-D, TLC-E094-E, and TLC-E095. To find your zone, please refer to: [protect.genasys.com](https://protect.genasys.com).

**FIRE INFORMATION:** A Public Information Officer will be at the Three Rivers Village Market daily from 11:00 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](https://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](https://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](https://knowbeforeyoufly.org).