



COFFEE POT FIRE

INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024

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Command: SACIMT2 Fire Size: 14,104

Percent Contained: 93%

Primary Strategic Control Line: 96%

Personnel: 450 Cause: Lightning **Incident Website:**

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

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: As a low-pressure system approaches, higher relative humidity will continue to minimize fire activity. Wetting rain (0.10 inches or greater) is possible over the fire area. Crews will continue to monitor and mop-up all containment lines. Firefighters will strengthen the line in the Horse Creek area to keep the fire within the current footprint. Crews will continue brushing along the Mineral King Road in order to further strengthen contingency lines. Unneeded equipment will continue to be backhauled from areas of the fire as containment increases. Additional resources will be released in order to rest and become available for other incidents across the nation.

WEATHER: Potential for rainfall increases on Thursday. Temperatures will range from the mid-40s to upper-50s with a relative humidity ranging from 70% to 90%. A large trough in place over the region will continue an unsettled weather pattern through Thursday resulting in cooler and wetter conditions. A gradual warming and drying trend will begin on Friday as a ridge builds over the west this weekend.

SMOKE IMPACTS: Tomorrow is the last forecast for smoke related to the Coffee Pot Fire. Haze around the fire will be visible during the day. Expect GOOD air quality with some hours of MODERATE in areas closest to the fire. For more information on current wildfire smoke impacts in your community, please visit <u>AirNow.gov</u> or <u>fire.airnow.gov</u>.

EVACUATION NOTICES: Tulare County Fire Department has announced that the evacuation warnings for the following areas have been lifted effective Tuesday, September 17th, 2024: zones TLC-E094-B, TLC-E094-D and TLC-E094-C. The area includes east of River Hill, North of Case Mountain, West of Mitchell Ranch, and the community of Oak Grove. West of the National Park Boundary, North of the east fork of the Kaweah River, East of Oak Grove. The area South of the East Fork of the Kaweah River, approximately ½ mile southeast of Oak Grove, just below mineral King Road, and follows the river east to the southern border of the Genasys zone. north of South Fork Drive, East of Skyline Drive (Salt Creek, fire control road), South of Mineral King Road, and West of the National Park Boundary. To find your zone, please refer to: protect.genasys.com.

FIRE INFORMATION: A Public Information Officer will be at the Three Rivers Village Market daily from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 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. The Bureau of Land Management has also issued a closure of the Case Mountain Extensive Recreation Management Area at 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.