



MOSQUITO FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9-21-2022 Time: 7:00 a.m.



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tinyurl.com/MosquitoFire

Size: 76,290 acres
Containment: 49%
Total Personnel: 2,437

Fire Information: 211 (Local) or 530-264-8309

Media Information: 530-217-3263

Phone Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily

Email: 2022.Mosquito@firenet.gov

Incident Websites:

inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8398

fire.ca.gov/incidents/2022/9/6/mosquito-fire/

Start Date & Time: Tuesday, 9-6-2022, 6:27 p.m.

Cause: Under Investigation

Location: Mosquito Road at Oxbow Reservoir

Suppression Strategy: Full Suppression

People Evacuated: 42

Structures Threatened: 111

Total Structures Destroyed: 78

Total Structures Damaged: 13

The Mosquito Fire remains in unified command with California Interagency Incident Management Team 5, CAL FIRE, Placer County Sheriff, and El Dorado County Sheriff.

CURRENT SITUATION

Continued rain showers along with colder temperatures kept fire activity to a minimum overnight and the Mosquito Fire held in its current footprint. The Flash Flood Watch for the fire area expired at midnight with no significant issues observed. Additional rain and afternoon thunderstorms are forecasted for today with high humidity and cool afternoon temperatures expected. Drier and warmer weather returns Thursday, with a warming trend into the weekend and into next week.

On Tuesday, Firefighters took advantage of the breaks in the storm to construct and secure various sections of control line on the eastern flank of the fire. Accessing the fireline down in the river drainages remains a difficult and challenging operation, especially with approximately 2.50 inches of rain falling over the fire in the past several days. With the minimized fire activity, crews have been able to build direct control line along the fire's edge without the concerns of the dangerous and explosive fire behavior experienced in the initial days of this fire. Firefighters will continue to increase containment on the eastern flank throughout the coming days. Depending on weather conditions, rotor-wing aircraft remains available to assist ground crews with water-dropping operations.

Crews are working to clear and mitigate hazard trees in the southeast corner of fire along the Eleven Pines Road and near McCulloh. These fire weakened trees pose a hazard to firefighters as well as being a threat to spreading fire across containment lines should they fall and cast embers into unburned vegetation. Firefighters continue to make good progress in hooking the southeast corner from Stumpy Meadows to the Rubicon River.

Suppression repair efforts will continue today with multiple crews working around the fire. The goal of suppression repair is to return damaged areas to a stable condition that reflects pre-fire conditions. Firefighters will work alongside forest resource advisors throughout the suppression repair process.



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EVACUATIONS — PLACER COUNTY

Interactive evacuation map: placer.ca.gov/evacuations, Mosquito Fire information: tinyurl.com/234azf6d

Evacuation Orders are in effect for the following Placer County zones: 1A, 3A, 4A, 14, & 22

Evacuation Warnings are in effect for the following Placer County zones: 1B, 3B, 4B, 6A, 7A, 21A, 23, & 25A.

EVACUATIONS — EL DORADO COUNTY

Interactive evacuation map: bit.ly/3ATtqao, Mosquito Fire information: edcgov.us/mosquito-fire-information

Evacuation Orders are in effect for the following El Dorado County areas: Stumpy Meadows.

Evacuation Warnings are in effect for the following El Dorado County areas: Volcanoville, Quintette, Silver Hill, and East Stumpy Meadows.

ROAD CLOSURES

View road closures in the vicinity of the Mosquito Fire on the Caltrans interactive map: quickmap.dot.ca.gov.

EVACUATION CENTERS

Placer County:

- Sierra College, 5100 Sierra College Blvd., Rocklin, California. Enter on Rocklin Road for parking, which is in Lot B. Shelter is in cafeteria (building J).

El Dorado County:

- Cameron Park Services District, 2502 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park, California. Overnight shelter with meals, showers, limited health services, and parking for trailers. Animals in crates and carriers are allowed.
- Green Valley Community Church, 3500 Missouri Flat Road, Placerville, California. RV parking is limited and no hookups. Small domestic animals in crates or on leashes are allowed (no large animals or birds).

ANIMAL SHELTERS

Placer County:

- Gold Country Fairgrounds, 209 Fairgate Road, Auburn, California (large & small animals, livestock ok)

El Dorado County:

- Diamond Springs Shelter, 6435 Capitol Avenue, Diamond Springs, California (small animals only)
- Rancho Murieta Equestrian Center: call 916-985-7334 for information (equines only)
- Flying M Ranch, 5421 Buck Mountain Road, Placerville, California (large animals only)

NATIONAL FOREST CLOSURES

National Forest System lands, roads, and trails in the vicinity of the Mosquito Fire are closed under multiple orders. Maps are included in the Orders linked below.

- Rubicon Jeep Trail: Tahoe National Forest Order No. 17-22-10 (tinyurl.com/3uapupe5), Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Order No. 19-22-07 (tinyurl.com/2p9ckfcr)
- Tahoe National Forest Order No. 17-22-09 (tinyurl.com/2dfxw6v9)
- Eldorado National Forest Order No. 03-22-16 (tinyurl.com/5dxz5cp6)

STRUCTURE STATUS

In both Placer and El Dorado counties, Damage Inspection Specialist (DINS) Teams have completed assessments of all structures within the Mosquito Fire perimeter. The status of each structure can be found on either Placer County's interactive map tinyurl.com/i9b28ufb or El Dorado County's interactive map tinyurl.com/4pkujys9.