



News Release

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Rough Fire Update August 12, 2015

Summary

The fire continues to grow at a slow to moderate rate of spread in all directions. To the north, it's burning closer to the Spanish Mountain and Obelisk, and eventually will contain itself as it burns up to the granite outcroppings. Along the west, southwest perimeter the fire continues to slowly back down into Rough Creek. The southwest portion of the perimeter continues to slowly back down to the Middle Fork of the Kings River. With its slow movement to the river it will eventually self-contain as it burns up to the river's edge. Air Attack remains in the air constantly monitoring the situation. If this edge of the fire becomes aggressively active, type 1 helicopters will be use to moderate it.

Wednesday additional overhead from a National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) team will join the Sierra National Forest, Type 3 organization in managing the fire.

Closures

Currently there are no closures on the Sierra or Sequoia National Forests. Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks remain fully open with no closures.

Visitors may experience smoke impacts in many popular recreational areas including Wishon Reservoir, Hume Lake and Cedar Grove area. For air quality updates visit <http://www.valleyair.org/aqinfo/forecast.htm> for more information.

Fire Restrictions

Fire restrictions are in place for the Sierra National Forest. Campfires are only allowed in designated developed recreation sites.

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Acres burned: 6,830
Containment: 0
Fire Start: July 31, 2015

Cause: Lightening
Total personnel: 211