



## **Forks Fire Update**

***July 22, 2009 6:30 PM***

**Inyo National Forest Fire Information:  
(760) 873-2503**

**Fire Status: Active**

**Location:** Bishop Creek Drainage  
12 miles West of Bishop

**Acres Burned:** 3,268

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Date Started:** July 18, 2009

**Percent Contained:** 90%

**Containment Expected:** 7/24/2009

**Resources:** Hand crews 11  
Helicopters 2  
Air Tankers Available on order

Engines 15  
Water Tenders 0  
Dozers 0

**Total personnel assigned to fire: 438**

A lightning storm moved quickly through the Eastern Sierra Saturday afternoon, July 18, 2009, igniting approximately 26 fires. The Forks Fire started at approximately 2:54 pm. The entire Bishop Creek drainage was evacuated with a mandatory evacuation of all residents and recreational facilities with State Route 168 closed. The Starlite development was placed on a voluntary evacuation.

Firefighters have made excellent progress improving, holding and performing mop up procedures on containment lines throughout the fire perimeter. Night crews will continue to patrol and monitor the fire lines throughout the evening. Fire suppression repair work has begun and is being coordinated with Inyo National Forest resource advisors. Excess crews and equipment are being demobilized and will be available to assist in other firefighting efforts.

The public is advised to proceed with caution when traveling on State Route 168 due to the presence of firefighters and equipment and the possibility of falling rocks and debris.

Southern California Incident Management Team #2 remains in command of the Forks Fire. The management team will transition to a Type 3 organization from the Inyo National Forest on 7-24-09.

***Firefighter and Public Safety is our core value. All identified hazards will be mitigated or avoided.***

**Weather, Fire Behavior and Smoke Conditions:**

Slight chance of thunderstorms and warmer temperatures are predicted.

**Agencies Involved:**

US Forest Service (USFS), California Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection (Cal-Fire), California Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), BLM, Los Angeles DWP, Inyo County Sheriff, CHP, Caltrans, Fish & Wildlife, Bishop Fire Dept., Big Pine Fire Dept., Lone Pine Fire Dept., Aspendell Volunteer Fire Dept.

Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team 2  
**Ron Woychak (USFS) Incident Commander**

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