



CALDOR FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9/16/2021 Time: 7:00 a.m.

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Incident Websites: www.fire.ca.gov/current_incidents

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7801/>

Email Updates (sign-up): <https://tinyurl.com/CaldorEmailList>

El Dorado County Evacuation Map: <https://tinyurl.com/EDSOEvacMap>


INCIDENT FACTS

Incident Start Date: August 14, 2021		Incident Start Time: 6:54 P.M.			
Incident Type: Wildland Fire		Cause: Under Investigation			
Incident Location: 2 miles east of Omo Ranch, 4 miles south of the community of Grizzly Flats					
CAL FIRE Unit: Amador – El Dorado AEU					
Unified Command Agencies: CAL FIRE AEU, USDA Forest Service – Eldorado National Forest					
Size:	219,267	Containment:	71%		
Expected Full Containment:	September 27, 2021				
First Responder Fatalities:	0	First Responder Injuries:	16		
Civilian Fatalities:	0	Civilian Injuries:	2		
Structures Threatened:	13,682	Structures Damaged:	81		
Single Residences Destroyed:	782	Commercial Properties Destroyed:	18	Other Minor Structures Destroyed:	203

ASSIGNED RESOURCES

Engines:	140	Water Tenders:	51	Helicopters:	18	Hand Crews:	52	Dozers:	28
Other:	25		Total Personnel:			2,948			
Air Tankers:	Numerous firefighting air tankers from throughout the state are flying fire suppression missions as conditions allow.								

CURRENT SITUATION

<p>WEST ZONE</p> <p>Situation Summary:</p> <p>Incident Information:</p> 	<p>It was hazy across the fire area overnight as smoke from other fires drifted northward. The winds were generally light (5 to 10 mph) diurnal and drainage driven. Fuels will continue to smolder and creep in the surface fuels within the interior islands and pockets of timber. Increasing winds will raise the potential for more active fire behavior in the unburned islands and timber stringers. Areas of the fire have experienced needle and leaf drop which may allow creeping fire through this layer. Over the next operational period, fire fighters will look to continue to construct control lines and mitigate hazard in and around communities and roadways to “make safe” for repopulation efforts.</p>
<p>EAST ZONE</p> <p>SITUATION SUMMARY:</p>	<p>Weather was favorable overnight, with cold and moderately humid conditions and winds from the south/southwest at gusts of up to 20 mph. Overnight, firefighters continued to improve and secure contained sections of fireline, with the highest priorities being tactical patrol in populated areas to provide service should any heat or smoke remain, while holding and maintaining sections of line around Christmas Valley and Echo Lakes. Multiple crews remained spiked out near Echo Lakes and Caples Lake to provide ease of access for their shift.</p>

	<p>Today, fire crews will continue to build containment on the fire by working west from Echo Lakes into Desolation Wilderness and continuing to construct line in the Trimmer Peak, Convict Meadows and Margaret Lake areas.</p>
<p>USFS FOREST INFORMATION</p>	<p>The Region-wide Forest closure order will be terminated at 11:59 PM September 15, 2021 - MORE: https://bit.ly/3Aewyw2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El Dorado National Forest: The Eldorado National Forest forest-wide closure (03-21-14) remains in effect until September 30. Access and orders will be refined over time. MORE: https://www.fs.usda.gov/eldorado/ • LTBMU: The Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit closure order (19-21-05) remains in effect for the following backcountry areas: Desolation Wilderness, Meiss Country, Barker Pass and McKinney/Rubicon through Sep. 19, 2021. Access and orders will be refined over time. MORE: https://www.fs.usda.gov/ltbmu/ <p>A Burned Area Emergency Response Team (BAER) has started evaluating the Caldor Fire area. This is a rapid assessment of burned watersheds by a BAER team to identify imminent post-wildfire threats to human life and safety, property, and critical natural or cultural resources on National Forest System lands and take immediate actions to implement emergency stabilization measures before the first post-fire damaging events.</p>
<p>EVACUATIONS AMADOR COUNTY</p>	<p><u>AMADOR COUNTY – ORDERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ZONE 4A- South of Highway 88 along the Amador/El Dorado County Line from Dufrene Road, north of the line due East from Dufrene Road to the Amador/Alpine County Line, west of the line due south from Highway 88 to the east end of Salt Springs Reservoir. • ZONE 5A- South of Highway 88 along the Amador/El Dorado County Line, north of the line due east from Dufrene Road to the Amador/Alpine County Line, east of the line due south from Highway 88 to the east end of Salt Springs Reservoir, west of the Amador/Alpine County Line. <p><u>AMADOR COUNTY – WARNINGS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ZONE 4B- South of Dufrene Road due east to the Amador/Alpine County Line, north of the Amador/Calaveras County Line, west of Panther Creek Road, east of the line due south from Highway 88 to the east end of the Salt Springs Reservoir • ZONE 5B- South of Dufrene Road due east to the Amador/Alpine County Line, north of the Amador/Calaveras County Line, west of the Amador/Alpine County Line, East of the line due south from Highway 88 to the east end of the Salt Springs Reservoir. <p>View the interactive evacuation map here: https://tinyurl.com/AmadorEvac</p>
<p>EVACUATIONS EL DORADO COUNTY</p>	<p><u>EL DORADO COUNTY – ORDERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAPLES CREEK - This section is south of Highway 50 east of Kyburz up to 41 Milestone Tract and south all the way to Highway 88 between 1 mile east of Mormon Emigrant Trail up to Caples Lake following the County Line. • DESOLATION - This section extends south of the Placer County Line in the area of the Rubicon Trail between Spider Lake and Sourdough Hill and extends south into Desolation Wilderness all the way to Highway 50 to include the areas of Rockbound Lake, Rubicon Reservoir, Highland Lake, Horseshoe Lake, Schmidell Lake and Twin Lakes south to Highway 50 between Wrights Lake Road and Twin Bridges. The eastern edge of this area is in line with Clyde Lake and Pyramid Lake.

- **DESOLATION EAST** - The area north of Echo Lake, following the Desolation Wilderness north staying west of Fallen Leaf Lake, Cascade Lake and Emerald Bay up to the Placer County Line
- **DESOLATION NORTH** - This is the area of Desolation Wilderness south of the Placer County Line extending to Emerald Bay but staying within Desolation Wilderness.
- **GRIZZLY FLAT PROPER** - The community of Grizzly Flats remains closed, with access via permit only. South of the intersection of Cosumnes Mine Road and Sciaroni Road, north and east of the intersection of Grizzly Flat Road and Blue Mountain Road, west of the intersection of Capps Crossing Road and Cypress Point Drive.
- **HEAVENLY** - The entire Heavenly property and lands, extending northeast to the Alpine County Line and to the Nevada State line.
- **HELL HOLE** - Northeast of Highway 89, west of the Alpine County line, and south of Tahoe Paradise Golf Course.
- **MET TO HWY 88** - South of Mormon Emigrant Trail to Highway 88. West on Highway 88 to Hams Station.
- **NORTH ECHO** - North of Highway 50 between Twin Bridges and Echo Summit, extending to the north just past Upper Echo Lake.
- **SOUTH ECHO** - South of Highway 50 starting at Camp Sacramento to the top of Echo Summit then proceeding due south to the Alpine County Line.
- **TRIMMER** - The area east of Pioneer Trail to the Alpine County Line stopping south of Heavenly Ski Resort, excluding all residences off Pioneer Trail.
- **US 50 SOUTH TO KYBURZ** - South of Highway 50 from Ice House Road to Silver Fork Road, to include the community of Kyburz, excluding the area south of the south fork of the American River. East of Mormon Emigrant Trail to Highway 88.

EL DORADO COUNTY – WARNINGS:

- **CALDOR** - East of North South Road, West of Service Road 09N78A, north of the Middle Fork of the Cosumnes River, south of Caldor
- **Crystal Basin B:** From Ice House Road east to the border of desolation wilderness and from the Placer County line, south to Granite Springs Road and the area south of Granite Springs Road to Highway 50 at Wrights Lake Road
- **CHRISTMAS VALLEY** - All residences accessed from Highway 89 south of Highway 50 in Meyers through Christmas Valley and including all of South Upper Truckee.
- **FALLEN LEAF C** - The area of Fallen Leaf Road from Tahoe Mountain Road into the end of Fallen Leaf Road. The privately owned residences are open to be occupied under this warning. The US Forest Service permitted residences must get an exemption permit from the US Forest Service prior to returning and that will likely be in the form of a day pass only.
- **GREATER GRIZZLY EAST** - South of Mormon Emigrant Trail, west of North South Road, north of Omo Ranch Road, east of the intersection of Omo Ranch and Slug Gulch Road, south of the Community of Blue Mountain, east of the intersection of Capps Crossing Road and Cypress Point Road.
- **MEYERS** - All residences in Meyers north of Highway 89 and east of Highway 50 to include all streets accessed from Apache, Mandan, following Pioneer Trail northeast just past Elks Club.
- **PI PI** - East of North South Road from Omo Ranch to Cat Creek and east to Highway 88 1 mile east of Omo Ranch Road.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOUTHEAST POLLOCK - North of Park Creek Road to Highway 50, east Fresh Pond to Ice House Road. Due south from Ice House to the intersection of Mormon Emigrant Trail Intersection and west along Mormon Emigrant Trail Intersection to the Park Creek Mormon Emigrant Trail Intersection. • WASHOE MEADOWS / NORTH UPPER TRUCKEE - All streets accessed from North Upper Truckee Road which is north of Highway 50 stopping at Sawmill and Lake Tahoe Blvd on the north side. This includes all residences on Sawmill and the residences to the west of Highway 50 in Meyers to include Country Club, Bakersfield, East S and Hopi. • THE FOLLOWING STREETS IN EL DORADO COUNTY - Grizzly Flat Road between Steely Ridge Road and Blue Mountain Road. Cosumnes Mine Road between String Canyon Road and the North Fork of the Cosumnes River. String Canyon Road between Grizzly Flat Road and Eagle Hill Road. <p style="text-align: center;">View the interactive evacuation zone and road closure map here: https://tinyurl.com/EIDoradoEvac</p>
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<p>EVACUATIONS ALPINE COUNTY</p>	<p><u>ALPINE EVACUATION WARNINGS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone 19 & Zone 20 - Highway 88 Pickett’s Junction south to Kirkwood and the Alpine/Amador County Line <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. All areas to the west of Highway 88 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Red Lake, Caples Lake, Kirkwood b. Wilderness and forested areas south of 88 and west of Blue Lakes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Sisters, Fourth of July Peak, Fourth of July Canyon, Devils Corral, Winnemucca Lake, Frog Lake, Emigrant Peak, Elephants Back • Zone 21A – Highway 89 at Pickett’s Junction west to the Alpine/El Dorado County Line • Zone 22A – Pickett’s Junction Northeast to Fay Luther Canyon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Horse Thief Canyon to Fay Luther Canyon • Zone 23 – Blue Lakes Rd. Upper Blue Lake, Burnside Lake & Rd., Elephants Graveyard, “The Patch” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Forestdale Rd from Junction 88 to Upper Blue Lake <p><u>ALPINE COUNTY – ROAD CLOSURES & CONDITIONS UPDATE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway 88 has reopened from Pickett’s Junction to Kirkwood Meadows Dr. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Highway 88 from Kirkwood Meadows Drive Westbound will remain closed at this time due to fire activity <p style="text-align: center;">View the interactive evacuation map here: https://tinyurl.com/AlpineEvac</p>
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COOPERATING AGENCIES

Alpine County Sheriff's Department, Amador County Sheriff's Office, AT&T, Barton Health, Cal EMSA, Cal Guard, Cal OES Fire, Cal Trans, Campora, Carson City BLM, CCC, CDCR, CHP, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, El Dorado County Dept of Agriculture, El Dorado County Dept of Planning and Building, El Dorado County DOT, El Dorado County EMSA, El Dorado County Fire, El Dorado County OES, El Dorado County Office of Education, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, El Dorado Hills FD, El Dorado Irrigation District, Fallen Leaf CSD Fire Department, Grizzly Flats Community Services District, Heavenly Ski Resort, Kirkwood Mountain Resort, Liberty Utilities, Marshall Medical Center, Mosquito Fire Department, Nevada Department of Emergency Management, Nevada Department of Public Safety, Nevada Department of Transportation, Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Nevada Division of Forestry, Nevada Highway Patrol, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, North Tahoe Fire Protection District, NV Energy, Paragon Gaming LLC, PG&E, Pioneer FD, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians FD, Sierra-at-Tahoe, SMUD, South Lake Tahoe EOC, South Lake Tahoe Fire Department, South Lake Tahoe Police Department, South

Lake Tahoe Public Utility, District, SWRCB, Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District, Verizon, Volcano Telephone, Washoe Emergency Operations Center, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

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www.readyforwildfire.org