



ASPEN FIRE INFORMATION



Update #31

Release Friday, August 9, 2013, Time: 7:00 AM

Incident Statics

Acres Burned: 22,172	Structures Threatened: 0
Containment: 85%	Structures Damaged: 0
Fire Start Date: 07/22/2013	Injuries: 4
Fire Cause: Lightning	Total Personnel: 912
Cost to date: \$27.8 million	

Summary

- The Fire Aspen is located within the Sierra National Forest in Fresno County and began burning off of the Stump Springs Road, North of Aspen Springs. The South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team is in command of the Aspen Fire.
- The inversion layer will continue to increase smoke accumulation in canyons and drainages. Smoke from the fire may persist throughout the remainder of the summer periodically. For more information visit, www.valleyair.org or www.airquality.org/smokeinpact/

Fire Update

- Fire Crews continue
- with mop up around the fire perimeter. The northern areas of the fire line are now in patrol status and fire crews continue to mop up 300 feet interior along fire perimeter.
- Resource advisors are working with suppression crews on fire suppression repair efforts of fire lines within the fire perimeter. The objectives of fire suppression repair, is to minimize erosion and sediment movement on and around the fire line, as well as prevent the use of fire lines being confused as trails. As crews continue to gain containment of the Aspen Fire, rehabilitation will become a high priority.

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Road, Trail and Campground Closures

Roads: Stump Springs Road is closed to all traffic due to fire suppression activity.

Forest Road 4S81 was opened August 7, at 6:00 P.M.

Trails: Per the U.S. Forest Service Closure Order Number 15-13-09, all trails within the Kaiser Wilderness are closed.

Campgrounds:

The following campgrounds remain closed:

Sample Meadow

West Kaiser

The following Campgrounds within the Sierra National Forest were opened August 7, at 6:00 P.M.

Jackass Rock Organization

Lower Chiquito

Little Jackass

Soda Springs

Placer

Sweet Water

China Bar

Rock Creek

Badger Flat

Midge Creek

Mammoth Pool

Fish Creek

Wagners Mammoth Pool Resort

Rancheria Campground remains closed to house firefighters

Cooperating Agencies include:

The U.S. Forest Service, National Parks Service, U.S. Department of Defense, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Fresno County Sheriff, Madera County Sheriff, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Southern California Edison, PG&E, California Conservation Corp.

For more information on this press release or if you have questions regarding the information, please contact the Aspen Fire Information line at (559) 893-7018. Updated information can also be obtained at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3552/> or by following the Sierra National Forest Twitter Account: @sierra_nf