

American Fire



Update
August 23, 2013

7:30 a.m.



Location: Placer County, California

Date of Fire Start: August 10, 2013 4:35 p.m

Cause: Under Investigation

Size: 20,232 acres **Containment:** 66 percent

Management: California Interagency Incident Management Team 4

Cooperating Agencies: Placer County Sheriff's Department, Placer County, Placer County Water Agency, CHP, Foresthill School, Foresthill Fire Department.

Fire Status: Crews continued to mop up on the west and north sides of the fire to prevent any fire from potential hotspots from crossing established containment lines. This area will be patrolled by air resources today. Last night fire crews continued to hold and improve containment lines on the north-east and east sides of the fire. Aggressive fire suppression efforts have stopped fire movement south to south-west along the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the American River. Efforts to contain the fire along the more difficult steep and hazardous terrain on the south and south-east perimeters has been very successful and that area will now be patrolled for hotspots. Strong winds produced hotspots outside the line on the north-east corner yesterday. Infra-red equipment detected these and were quickly extinguished by crews. Crews will begin repairing areas damaged by firefighting activity.

The fire is established in Antoine, Manilla and Scewrauger Canyons and below the Barny Cavanah Ridge. Consumption of heavy fuels will continue to contribute to smoke in surrounding areas. An additional camp is in operation on the east side of the fire to reduce travel times for firefighters in division Z.

Resources: Total Personnel: 1812
Hand Crews: 48 Engines: 88 Dozers: 25 Water Tenders: 45 Helicopters: 17

Structures Destroyed: 4 structures have been destroyed by the American Fire.

Closure Update: **Mosquito Ridge Rd** (FSR 96) is closed from the junction of Ralston Ridge Rd (FSR 96-023) to the junction of the Duncan Diversion Dam access road (FSR 96-052), west of French Meadows Reservoir. **Foresthill Rd** is closed from Humbug Canyon Road (FSR 88-066) to Robinson Flat Campground and **Forest Rd 43** (Robinson Flat Rd) is closed from Robinson Flat Campground to Mosquito Ridge Rd.

Robinson Flat Campground and Duncan Peak Lookout remain closed.

French Meadow Reservoir and access to the Oxbow Middle Fork American Rafting Launch put in remain open.

Forest Order No 17-13-06 has closed portions of the Tahoe NF on the American Ranger District.
<http://tinyurl.com/mvx4w3c>

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