

# American Fire



**Update**  
**August 23, 2013**

**7:30 p.m.**



**Location:** Placer County, California  
**Date of Fire Start:** August 10, 2013 4:35 p.m  
**Cause:** Under Investigation  
**Size:** 21,189 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:** The south-west, west and north-west sides of the fire are patrol status. Smoky conditions during the day have prevented fixed and rotor wing aircraft from flying most of the day. Fire crews continued to improve and mop up interior of containment lines on the north and north-east sides of the fire. Aggressive fire suppression efforts have stopped fire movement south and 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 have been very successful and that area will now be patrolled for hotspots. Crews will begin repairing areas damaged by firefighting activity.

The fire is established in Antoine, Manila and Screwauger Canyons and below the Barney Cavanah Ridge. Consumption of heavy fuels with single and group tree torching contributed 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. Due to increased containment excessive personnel are being released.

**Resources:** Total Personnel: 1614  
Hand Crews: 55 Engines: 65 Dozers: 18 Water Tenders: 36 Helicopters: 16

**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>

**Further information:** Information Call Center (530) 367-8020, staffed 7am to 8pm.  
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