American Fire

Update
August 26, 2013

7:30 a.m.

Location: Placer County, California

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

Cause: Under Investigation **Size:** 24,408 acres **Containment:** 81 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 and north perimeters of the fire remain in patrol status. This is due to completion of fire lines and minimal to no hot spots being detected inside the fire line in these areas. Crews have completed burning operations adjacent to the Mosquito Ridge Road, along the eastern perimeter. These burning operations have consisted of fire fighters lighting low intensity ("cool") fire with the intent of reducing ground fuels between the fire perimeter and the main fire. This tactic was highly successful as it reduced the potential of the main fire escaping containment lines. Now that burning operations are completed, these same crews will transition into detecting and extinguishing any remaining hot spots.

With increased containment of the fire, additional fire crews have begun work repairing areas affected by fire fighting activities. This has included chipping material piled next to roads during fire line construction as well as identifying needs to construct water control devices along fire lines throughout the fire area.

Forest visitors are asked to adhere to area and road closures. These closures are in place to protect visitors and fire fighters. The roads and areas that have been closed are unsafe due to fire-weakened, burned trees that pose a risk of falling, as well as frequently heavy smoke making visibility extremely poor. These areas and roads will be re-opened as soon as possible.

Resources: Total Personnel: 1360
Hand Crews: 28 Engines: 79 Dozers: 13 Water Tenders: 35 Helicopters: 19

Closure Update: Mosquito Ridge Rd (FSR 96) remains 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** remains closed from Humbug Canyon Road (FSR 88-066) to Robinson Flat Campground and **Forest Rd 43** (Robinson Flat Rd) remains closed from Robinson Flat Campground to Mosquito Ridge Rd. Robinson Flat Campground and Duncan Peak Lookout also remain closed.

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

A Community Meeting will be held tonight, Monday, August 26 at 7 p.m. at the Foresthill Veterans Memorial Hall, 24601 Harrison Street, Foresthill.

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

Further information: American Fire Information (530) 367-8020, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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