

American Fire



Update
August 28, 2013

7:30 p.m.



Location: Placer County, California

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

Cause: Under Investigation **Size:** 26,114 acres **Containment:** 97 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: Today, crews continued work "mopping up", which consists of walking grid patterns inside the fire perimeter to detect and extinguish hot spots. Additionally, isolated areas of unburned fuels in the interior of the fire were manually burned in order to reduce ground fuels. Throughout most of the fire area very little to no active fire was observed today. The north east and eastern flanks of the fire saw active fire behavior in the bottom of the canyons. Increased smoke was experienced today due to active fire inside of the fire lines. Tonight, fire engine crews will patrol and monitor the fire area.

Repair of areas affected by fire fighting activities will continue for some time in the American Fire area. This includes 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.

The Tahoe National Forest and the Incident Management Team appreciate visitors continuing to comply with 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 continue to be re-evaluated and will be re-opened as soon as possible.

Resources: Total Personnel: 1,001

Hand Crews: 22 Engines: 57 Dozers: 3 Water Tenders: 28 Helicopters: 7

Closures: **Mosquito Ridge Road** (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. However, **Mosquito Ridge Road will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 30.**

Foresthill Road remains closed from Humbug Canyon Road (FSR 88-066) to Robinson Flat Campground and **Forest Road 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 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: American Fire Information (530) 367-8020, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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