



Southern California interagency Incident Management Team 1



Hidden Fire Update September 19, 2008 (8:00 AM)

Hidden Fire	Location: 12 miles NNE of Three Rivers, California		
Acres Burned:	1,038	Structures Threatened:	0
Containment:	30%	Structures Destroyed:	0
Fire Started:	September 10, 2008 6:24 PM	Injuries:	3
Cause:	Lightning Strike		
Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 734			

Summary

The Hidden Fire started from a lightning strike on Wednesday, September 10th at approximately 6:24 PM, in the Sequoia National Park, 12 miles north of the community of Three Rivers. Initial assessment and attack began immediately, and on September 16, 2008, management of the fire was transferred to Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team 1.

Update

The fire continues to burn in steep, rugged inaccessible terrain in dry, receptive fuels. Crews are constructing fire lines to contain the fire. Park visitors and residents may see increasing smoke as firefighters start planned burning operation. Crews will begin firing out from control lines in an effort to contain the fire. Firefighters are making good progress on the north and west portions of the fire. Helicopters and fixed wing aircraft are helping ground crews slow the spread of the fire.

Driving

- Motorists are advised to drive slowly, obey all posted speed limits, and choose safe turnouts for stopping
- To protect your own safety and firefighter safety, please DO NOT STOP on the roadway

Smoke

Heavy smoke may be present in some areas. In order to minimize impacts from smoke, please:

- Close windows, especially at night when the air tends to settle
- Use the recirculation option in your car to prevent smoke from entering your vehicle
- Avoid prolonged exertion when heavy smoke is present, especially if you are sensitive to smoke impacts.

Closures

- Crystal Cave is closed; Crystal Cave Road is closed at Generals Highway
- Muir Grove Trail, from the trailhead at Dorst Campground
- An advisory is posted at North Fork Drive warning users that the Colony Mill Road is closed ahead

Fire Information: (559) 561-3263

The fire can be viewed on the web at:

http://sierrafire.cr.usgs.gov/cgi-bin/swfrs_display_webcam_lm.pl?camera=park_ridge_2

For more information visit: www.inciweb.org reference Hidden Fire and www.nps.gov/seki/fireinfo/current.htm