Welcome to our new Incident Command team!
Correction: John Postlewaite is the Woodward Fire’s Incident Commander. John works on Yosemite Helitack (park helicopter). Katie DeRosier is the Woodward Fire’s Incident Commander Trainee. Katie also works at Yosemite as an Assistant Engine Captain.

What occurred over the week:
The Woodward fire continues to burn in the interior in large stumps and down logs. Small pockets of heat have been detected near the fire perimeter, and crews have been mopping up and continue to patrol for new sources of heat along the fire perimeter. Crews are focusing on chipping along Limantour and Bear Valley road in efforts to open the closed roads.

Anticipated fire activity:
The containment date is updated to September 29, due to forecasted high winds and unseasonably warm and dry weather for the area. This will likely increase fire activity. There will be visible smoke seen from where the fire is smoldering in large logs and stumps. This may produce significant smoke as interior fuels continue to dry out and burn.

Safety reminder:
Park visitors and area residents are asked to be mindful of park closures that remain in effect. While it might not look dangerous, if you were to go into a closed area, and something were to happen to you and you required assistance, everyone might be put in harm’s way. Thank you for your continued patience during this extraordinary time!