



## Southern California interagency Incident Management Team 1



### Hidden Fire Update September 18, 2008 (8:00 AM)

<b>Hidden Fire</b>	<b>Location:</b> 12 miles NNE of Three Rivers, California		
<b>Acres Burned:</b>	807	<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	0
<b>Containment:</b>	30%	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	0
<b>Fire Started:</b>	September 10, 2008 6:24 PM	<b>Injuries:</b>	1
<b>Cause:</b>	Lightning Strike		
<b>Total personnel assigned to the Fire:</b>	<b>374</b>		

#### Summary

The Hidden Fire started from a lightning strike on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 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 is burning in steep, rugged terrain and dry, receptive fuels. Crews are making good progress on the north side of the fire, and are heavily supported by air resources. They are beginning to build indirect fire line on the east flank of the fire in order to stop it at Generals Highway. Brushing (clearing hazard fuels) and thinning will begin today in preparation for proactive burning operations (firing operations) along the road.

#### Safety

- 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

#### 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

**Contact:**  
**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](http://sierrafire.cr.usgs.gov/cgi-bin/swfrs_display_webcam_lm.pl?camera=park_ridge_2)

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