



Southern California interagency Incident Management Team 1



Hidden Fire Update September 20, 2008 (8:00 AM)

Hidden Fire	Location: 12 miles N/NE of Three Rivers, CA in Sequoia N P		
Acres Burned:	1,305	Structures Threatened:	0
Containment:	37%	Structures Destroyed:	0
Fire Started:	September 10, 2008 6:24 PM	Injuries:	3
Cause:	Lightning Strike		
Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 785			

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

- Burnout operations will continue today and are expected to reach Generals Highway late this afternoon. Once firing operations start along the Generals Highway visitors may experience delays or temporary closures on the Generals Highway while firing operations are conducted. **Estimated times are from Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 5pm to early Sunday morning but may change depending on fire conditions.**
- Crews continue to construct and reinforce lines to contain the fire. Good progress has been made on north and northwestern flanks.

Safety

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

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

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

