



Southern California interagency Incident Management Team 1



Hidden Fire Update September 22, 2008 (8:00 AM)

Hidden Fire	Location: 12 miles N/NE of Three Rivers, CA in Sequoia N P		
Acres Burned:	1,690	Structures Threatened:	0
Containment:	49%	Structures Destroyed:	0
Fire Started:	September 10, 2008 6:24 PM	Injuries:	2
Cause:	Lightning Strike		
Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 721			

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 by the National Park Service fire staff. Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team1 assumed command of the fire on September 16, 2008 and is still managing the fire.

Update

- Burnout operations along Generals Highway were successful in constructing initial fire line yesterday. These operations will continue on the eastern flank of the fire today.
- Aerial ignition (aerial firing devices dropped from helicopters) is anticipated to begin today in order to consume additional surface fuels to further strengthen containment lines.
- The forecasted weather for this week is for warmer and dryer conditions.

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

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