



Southern California interagency Incident Management Team 1



Hidden Fire Update September 23, 2008 (8:00 AM)

Hidden Fire	Location: 12 miles N/NE of Three Rivers, CA, in Sequoia National Park		
Acres Burned:	2,041	Structures Threatened:	0
Containment:	78%	Structures Destroyed:	0
Fire Started:	September 10, 2008 6:24 PM	Injuries:	2
Cause:	Lightning Strike		
Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 538			

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. Management of the fire will be turned over to a Type 3 Incident Management Team at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 24, 2008.

Update

- Burnout operations are being used to strengthen existing fire line. **SMOKE WILL BE PRESENT today and possibly in the coming days. For air quality information, please refer to <http://www.airquality.org/smokeimpact/> and look for recommendations below to help minimize smoke effects.**
- Aerial ignition may continue today and will further deepen and reinforce fireline.
- Warmer, drier conditions are expected today.

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.

Safety

- Smoke may be present on roadways. Motorists are advised to drive slowly, obey all posted speed limits, and choose safe turnouts for stopping. Watch for firefighters and equipment.

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