



Southern California interagency Incident Management Team 1

Hidden Fire Update September 17, 2008 (10:00 AM)

Hidden Fire	Location: 12 miles North of Three Rivers, California		
Acres Burned:	605	Structures Threatened:	0
Containment:	30%	Structures Destroyed:	0
Fire Started:	September 10, 2008 6:24 pm	Injuries:	0
Cause:	Lightning Strike		
Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 374			

Summary

On Wednesday September 10th at 6:24 PM, the Hidden Fire started from a lightning strike in the Sequoia National Park twelve miles north of the community of Three Rivers. Firefighters from multiple agencies went into action from the ground and the air with the support fixed-wing and rotary wing aircraft to contain the fire.

The fire is burning in steep, rugged terrain and heavy fuels at approximately 6,000 to 6,500 feet in elevation. It has a high potential for growth. It is located near Hidden Springs in the North Fork of the Kaweah River drainage north of Ash Mountain.

Due to the inaccessibility fire crews are being flown into the fire by helicopter. Fire crews are staying on (spiking-out) the fire line for 2-3 days at time with food and supplies being flown in daily. Firefighters continue to make progress constructing containment lines around the fire. Weather is forecasted to be in the mid 70's on the fire and winds will be light out of the southwest.

The incident command post supporting the incident is located at Horse Creek campground near Lake Kaweah.

Closures: The Crystal Cave Road is closed at Generals Highway. The trail to the Muir Grove (trailhead located at Dorst Camp) is closed. The Colony Mill Road has an advisory posted at the North Fork Drive trailhead advising that the road will be closed because of fire danger.

A meeting is scheduled for tonight, Wednesday, September 17th at the Veterans Memorial Building in Three Rivers from 7:00-8:30 pm. This will provide residents an opportunity to get an update on firefighting efforts as well as hear from National Park Service representatives and the fire management team about smoke and other impacts this fire may have on the communities near the park.

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

Contact: Fire Information (559) 565- 3703

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

