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Burnout Operations Completed, Firefighters Work to Hold the Western Fireline

The Sheep Fire Complex has grown to 8,475 acres (5,355 acres in the Sequoia National Forest (including the 25 acre Marvin Fire), 3,095 acres in Kings Canyon National Park). Growth remains predominately to the west.

Fire crews have completed the fireline and burnout operations west of the fire in an effort to contain the active flank. Crews are prepared to hold the fireline as the wildfire edge approaches. Unseasonably warm temperatures and low relative humidities have increased fire activity. This weather is anticipated over the fire for the next five days and will be a challenge for holding operations. Four helicopters are dedicated to the Sheep Fire to assist firefighters in holding the western fireline.

Crews continue to hold the fire south of the Kings River along Highway 180 in Kings Canyon to prevent fire spread north of the Kings River. Fire activity is minimal on the eastern and southern flanks.

Smoke Advisory: Visitors to Hume Lake, Cedar Grove, and locations throughout the Kings Canyon should anticipate significant smoke in the area this weekend. Morning inversion is holding smoke in Hume Lake and the Kings Canyon in the morning hours. Cedar Grove is experiencing significant smoke at periods throughout the day.

To view real-time smoke monitoring data for Hume Lake and Cedar Grove, visit <http://www.satguard.com/usfs/fleet.aspx>. Hume Lake's link is called *Sequoia NP area*.

To view the fire and associated smoke, go to the Sheep Fire Webcam and the Hume Lake webcams at: http://sierrafire.cr.usgs.gov/camHist/viewer09.pl?camera=3_mobile_knp_1&lastFrame=true
<http://www.humelake.org/webcams/>

For tips on reducing your exposure to smoke, please visit www.airquality.org/smokeimpact/

Closures: The Don Cecil Trail and the Rattlesnake Creek Trail in Kings Canyon National Park are closed. The US Forest Service has a temporary area closure on the Hume Lake Ranger District. The closure is between Horse Corral Meadow and the south side of California State Highway 180 and from Boulder Creek east to the boundary with Kings Canyon National Park.

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