



Trailhead Fire



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Incident Update

Date: 7/2/2016 Time: 8 pm

Fire Information: 530-303-7006

Email: trailheadfire@gmail.com

www.fire.ca.gov

inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4825/

pio.edso.org

STATUS

Incident Start Date: 6/28/2016	Incident Start Time: 1:55 PM
Incident Type: wildland fire	Cause: under investigation
Incident Location: along the Middle Fork of the American River south of Todd Valley	
Acres/Size: 3,387	Containment: 12%
Expected Containment: 7/6/2016	Injuries: 2

Structures Threatened: 2,600

Structures Destroyed: 0

Structures Damaged: 0

RESOURCES

Engines: 124	Water Tenders: 9	Helicopters: 13	Air Tankers: as needed	Hand Crews: 76
Dozers: 29	Overhead Personnel: 181	Total Personnel: 2120		
Unified Command: NorCal Interagency Incident Management Team 2 is managing the fire on behalf of CAL FIRE and the U.S. Forest Service.				
Assisting Agencies: Placer County Sheriff's Office, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, and local fire departments from across the region				

Current Situation:

Smoke from the fire itself and from burnout operations was very visible today. The fire was most active on the southeast side, near Quartz Canyon and Little Bald Mountain, and on the northeast side near Volcanoville. It is not active on the north side. The fire grew by less than 200 acres today. No structures have been damaged or destroyed.

Crews had a very productive day fighting the fire. Aircraft supported firefighters on the ground with water and retardant drops. Weather conditions allowed firefighters on the north and east sides of the fire to conduct burnout operations and strengthen contingency lines, protecting the communities of Foresthill and Volcanoville. Burning from a fireline toward the main fire creates a buffer between the active fire front and unburned vegetation outside the line, which increases the likelihood that the fire will not cross those lines.

Tonight crews will finish burnout operations started by the day shift. Other priorities for firefighters tonight are to patrol, hold, and improve existing containment lines; secure firelines around structures; and prepare areas for crews to conduct burnout operations tomorrow.

Firefighters deal with diurnal wind shifts on a daily basis: around 10:00 in the morning winds tend to shift to upcanyon, upslope, and around 10:00 in the evening, they shift to downcanyon, downslope. This is one factor that influences the direction the fire will spread. The direction of fire spread responds to these changes in wind direction. This is a reliable weather phenomenon that firefighters can use to their advantage in planning burnout operations. They light fire in strips along an existing line and allow the wind to push fire to the fireline. By gradually burning out vegetation, they are able to widen the line so it can control the oncoming fire.

Downslope, downcanyon winds tonight will be around 4 mph, gusting to 7 mph. The temperature will be in the 60s and the relative humidity around 40 percent.

Recreation Closures:

Dru Barner Campground on the Georgetown Ranger District is the only campground in the fire closure area. No roads or campgrounds are closed in the Tahoe National Forest due to this fire. Access to the Middle Fork of the American River—from Oxbow Reservoir put in to Ruck-A-Chucky take out—is temporarily closed to protect firefighter and public safety.

Evacuations:

Placer County mandatory evacuations have been downgraded to advisory. Only residents with photo ID will be allowed beyond the staffed roadblocks. Residents are advised that there is still active fire and uncontained fireline across the river canyon. The evacuation order could be elevated to mandatory at any time; be ready and prepared. Residents should be aware of increased traffic due to firefighters and equipment in the Todd Valley area.

An advisory evacuation order is in place for all homes east of Green Ridge Road to Oakwood Lane to Nugget Drive, Skyview Terrace Mobile Home Park, Oak Wood Court, Vinewood Court, Trail Head Court, Green Pine Court, Alton Trail Court, Gray Court, Tevis Court, and White Tail Court and homes to the west of the above.

El Dorado County mandatory evacuations: El Dorado County residents can visit the El Dorado County sheriff's information website for the most updated evacuation information (pio.edso.org). El Dorado County is also staffing an emergency information hotline (530-642-7263) from 8 am to 8 pm. The following areas are under a mandatory evacuation:

- **El Dorado County:** Air Shaft, Antwine, Bear Flat, Bear Flat South, Bottle Hill, Bottle Hill Road, Bottle Hill Bypass, Breedlove Road, East side of from Canyon Creek to Bottle Hill, North of Canyon Creek, East from the intersection of Cement Hill Road, Dru Barner, Earthsong Lane, Four Wheeler Drive, Garden Tower Lane, N Hyder, S Hyder, Jinnor, Kelliher, La Cresta Drive, Little Miner, Mameluke Hill Road, Mining Claim, Miners Delight, Otter Creek Road, South of Otter Creek, South of Otter Creek, Paymaster Loop, Roanoak, Rowdy Road, Slow Go Road, Stag Lane, Strawn, Tierra Lane, North of Wentworth Springs Road, NF 13N16a.
- **Volcanoville area:** 4 Wheel Drive Road, Bear State Road, Bearfoot Road, Breedlove Road, North of Bottle Hill Road, Bojac Court, Cassill Mine Road, Cecil Lane, Cedar Maddone Road, Christmas Tree Lane, Country Court, Country Road, Dusty Camp Road, Dusty Mine Road, El Bosque Place, Haven Ridge Road, Haven Ridge Court, Hobby Horse Lane, Kentucky Flat Road, Lake Avenue, Lofty Peak Lane, Merkel Drive, Mosswood Road, Narrow Way, Pay Master Mine Road, Ringtale Road, Shotgun Lane, Spring Tunnel Mine Road, Spirit Creek, Star Lake, Sticker Bush Trail, Sunset Peak Lane, Tall Timber Road, Thumper Lane, Tin Ranch Road, Tinsel Trail, Tipten Hill Court, Tullamore Lane, Wolfridge Road, Volcanoville Road, and an unnamed road (west of Volcanoville Road) Possibly Cock Robin Road.

Road Closures:

Placer County road closures:

- Nugget Drive and Oakwood Lane is restricted to residents only.

El Dorado County road closures:

- Bottle Hill Road at Wentworth Springs Road
- Mameluke Hill Road at Canyon Creek
- Breedlove at Canyon Creek
- Volcanoville Road

Additional Information:

A shelter for El Dorado County evacuees and small animals is at Golden Sierra High School, 5101 Garden Valley Road, Garden Valley. All large animals need to be transported to 1100 Cold Springs Road, where Animal Services has arranged for accommodations (530-621-5795).

El Dorado County's Trailhead Fire information website is:

http://www.edcgov.us/Government/Trailhead_Fire_Information.aspx