



# CREEK FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 09/13/2020 Time: 9:00

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**Fire Information:** 844-668-3473  
**Madera Media Line:** 559-492-7755  
**Fresno Media Line:** 209-628-3097  
**Incident Email:** [Creekfire2020@gmail.com](mailto:Creekfire2020@gmail.com)  
**Incident Website:** [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov)  
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7147/>




## INCIDENT FACTS

<b>Incident Start Date:</b> 09/04/2020		<b>Incident Start Time:</b> 6:33 p.m.	
<b>Incident Type:</b> Wildland Fire		<b>Cause:</b> Under Investigation	
<b>Incident Location:</b> Both sides of the San Joaquin River near Mammoth Pool, Shaver Lake, Big Creek and Huntington Lake.			
<b>Forest/CAL FIRE Units:</b> Sierra National Forest, CAL FIRE Units Fresno-Kings and Madera-Mariposa-Merced			
<b>Unified Command Agencies:</b> Great Basin Team 1, CAL FIRE 1, Fresno County Sheriff, Madera County Sheriff			
<b>Size:</b> 201,908	<b>Containment:</b> 8%	<b>Expected Full Containment:</b> 10/15/2020	
<b>Civilian Injuries:/Fatalities:</b> 21/0		<b>Firefighter Injuries/Fatalities:</b> 0	
<b>Structures Threatened:</b> 14,074	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b> 365*	<b>Structures Damaged:</b> 32*	

## CURRENT SITUATION

<b>Current Situation:</b>	<p><b>Fresno County:</b> Today the weather will transition and winds, combined with lower humidity and higher temperatures will begin to develop in the afternoon. The Creek Fire South Zone firefighters are working on multiple fronts that will become more active as the smoke clears. A lot of good work has been accomplished over the four days that the smoke layer has held the fire activity down. Crews will fight to hold and improve on that work today, and to add to the progress that has already been made. Patrol and extinguishment of hot spots will be the focus around structures south of Huntington Lake where firefighters engaged with a defensive firing operation that saved several structures. Fire also challenged the line in the area of Old Bretz Mill and Sierra Cedars. Firefighters were able to hold the line, preventing the fire from moving toward nearby structures.</p> <p>The fire did burn over the line yesterday in Jose Basin on the southwest edge of the fire. Crews will work to pick the area up as it backs down the hill. They will also be patrolling around structures and mopping up any hot spots.</p> <p>Line construction will continue in multiple areas. Construction of fireline between Shaver Lake and Dinky Creek is a high priority for fire managers. The lack of a suitable ridge to the east to use as a contingency line is a concern. Fireline work will continue along Cherry Valley and into Blue Canyon where firefighters are concerned that the fire could become aligned with the wind and make a run. In the northeast the fire has been running along the North and South Zone dividing line for the fire. This finger of fire is burning in light fuels and moving toward natural rock barriers that will slow spread.</p> <p><b>Madera County:</b> The fire continues to push west toward Central Camp, challenging initial plans for containment lines in that area, but structure protection remains in place. Firefighters are developing and improving containment line on the west side of the fire from Redinger Lake north to Cascadel Woods and Central Camp.</p> <p>The weather pattern is beginning to shift; increasing winds are likely to begin moving smoke out of the north end of the fire, which is also expected to encourage fire growth to the</p>
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	<p>northeast. Structure protection is underway on the north side of the fire, at Devil’s Post Pile National Monument, and Reds Meadows.</p> <p>With better visibility, air operations are expected to resume. There have been conflicts between firefighting operations and drones. If you fly, we can’t! Please comply with the temporary flight restriction. Don’t be the reason a firefighting air mission has to divert from the operation.</p> <p>The Madera County Sheriff continues to enforce evacuation notices and maintain road closures to protect the public. Damage assessments are in progress; the county will notify property owners directly as information becomes available. Firefighters are working to clear roads so that utility companies have access to restore service, as the sheriff’s office begins to develop plans for residents to return to communities.</p>
<b>Incident Briefing:</b>	The Sierra National Forest will host an Incident Briefing Monday at 7pm via Facebook Live: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SierraNF/">https://www.facebook.com/SierraNF/</a>
<b>Damage Inspection:</b>	* Damage inspection teams are evaluating structures; assessments are approximately 30% complete. Madera County Sheriff’s Office is contacting property owners directly. A website is available for Fresno County properties that have been assessed to date: <a href="https://calfire-forestry.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1933470ef8ea4c7e9cede56adf54efe1&amp;extent=-13377356.4387%2C4419677.6073%2C-13142541.8878%2C4523937.7139%2C102100">https://calfire-forestry.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1933470ef8ea4c7e9cede56adf54efe1&amp;extent=-13377356.4387%2C4419677.6073%2C-13142541.8878%2C4523937.7139%2C102100</a> .
<b>Closures and Alerts</b>	<p>Please register for evacuation alerts at:</p> <p><b>Fresno County:</b> Sheriff Office, sign up with Everbridge. <a href="https://t.co/Otack9NyKc?amp=1">https://t.co/Otack9NyKc?amp=1</a></p> <p><b>Madera County:</b> Emergency Warning Systems: <a href="http://mcalert.org">mcalert.org</a></p> <p><b>Mariposa County:</b> Sheriff Office, sign up with Everbridge: <a href="http://msoalert.com">msoalert.com</a></p> <p><b>For missing persons contact:</b> Fresno County Sheriff 559-600-3111 Madera County Sheriff 559-658-2555</p> <p><b>Forest Closures issued by the USDA Forest Service:</b> US Forest Service temporarily closes Southern California Forests, including the Sierra National Forest. Regional order number 20-07 Emergency Forest Closure.</p>
<b>Evacuation Orders:</b>	<p><b>To view the evacuation map for Fresno and Madera counties please visit:</b></p> <p><a href="https://nifc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=28ce52cb86bf49dea0adef5a78b3c1b5">https://nifc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=28ce52cb86bf49dea0adef5a78b3c1b5</a></p> 
<b>Evacuation Warnings:</b>	<p><b>Fresno County:</b> Community of Prather. South of Little Sandy / Lodge Rd. North East of Tollhouse Rd. North of Millerton Rd. / Nicholas Rd. East Auberry Rd.</p> <p><b>Madera County:</b> Oakhurst, O’Neals, Walker Grade, Chukchansi, Indian Lakes, and the portion of Coarsegold east of Highway 41.</p>
<b>Road Closures:</b>	<p><b>Fresno County:</b> Prather Roundabout (SR-168 at Prather), Watts Valley Road at Pittman Hill Road, SR-168 at Lodge Road, Sample Road at Pittman Hill Road, Auberry Road at Powerhouse Road, North Fork Road at Road 222, Trimmer Springs at Maxon Road, Tollhouse Road at Pittman Hill Road</p> <p><b>Madera County:</b> Road 426 at Road 223, Road 200 at Road 221, Road 274 at Roads 222 and 225, Skyranch at Buckskin, Cascadel Arch, Road 420 at Road 223, White Chief Mountain Road, at Sugar Pine, and Fish Camp. Closure updates are listed at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MaderaSheriff/">https://www.facebook.com/MaderaSheriff/</a>.</p>
<b>Temporary Evacuation Points:</b>	<p><b>Fresno County</b> Clovis North High School -2770 East International Ave. Clovis, CA</p> <p><b>Madera County</b> Mariposa County Fairgrounds – 5007 Fairgrounds Rd. Mariposa, CA</p>

<b>Animal Evacuation Centers:</b>	<p><b><u>Fresno County</u></b>  Small animals – Clovis North 2770 East International Ave.  Large animals – The Fresno Fairgrounds, 1121 S Chance Ave, Fresno, CA 93702, is set up to receive evacuated animals but please contact the Central California Animal Disaster Team (888-402-2238) to make arrangements so animals can be received at the fairgrounds.</p> <p><b><u>Madera County</u></b>  Small animals – Oakhurst Community Center 39800 Road 425B Oakhurst, CA  Large animals – Producer’s Livestock Facility at Madera Farm Bureau, 1022 South Pine Street, Madera, CA</p>
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**ASSIGNED RESOURCES**

<b>Engines:</b> 230	<b>Water Tenders:</b> 63	<b>Helicopters:</b> 18	<b>Hand Crews:</b> 28	<b>Dozers:</b> 69
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<b>Other:</b> 581	<b>Total Personnel:</b> 2,301
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<b>Air Tankers:</b>	Numerous firefighting air tankers throughout the State are flying fire suppression missions as conditions allow.
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**Cooperating Agencies:**  
**North Zone:** Madera County, Madera County Public Health, Madera County Fire, OES, CHP, National Park Service, PG&E, CDCR, Sothern California Edison, American Red Cross, California National Guard, California Air National Guard.  
**South Zone:** Fresno County, Fresno County Public Health, Fresno County OES, OES, Shaver Lake Fire Department, Bald Mountain Fire Protection District, Auberry Fire Department, Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Big Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Pine Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, CHP, National Park Service, CDCR, PG&E, Sothern California Edison, American Red Cross, California National Guard, California Air National Guard.

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