

FIRE INFORMATION

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JAWBONE COMPLEX UPDATE: 8/12/2012 11:03 PM

The fire is burning in the Jawbone Recreation Area, which is approximately 10 miles West of the Jawbone Visitor Center. The current acreage is 7,990 acres with 25% containment. Resources include 6 hand crews, 62 engines, 3 helicopters, 3 air tankers, 19 dozers, and 10 water tenders. The total personnel assigned to the fire are 580.

Good progress was made today on the Jawbone branch of the complex. Fire line construction was aided by dozers, water drops by helicopters and retardant drops by air tankers in addition to work by hand crews and engines. Today, 3 helicopters from the California Air National were assigned to the incident and flew water-dropping missions in support of the fire. They will continue to be assigned to assist the suppression effort. Fire behavior today was influenced by an active thunderstorm that moved through the area. There was confirmed loss to 3 windmills.

Temperatures of 95°F and higher make the firefighters' work not only difficult but creates the potential for heat related injuries such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke. There are a number of isolated cabins and properties that are potentially in the path of the fire. As part of the ongoing planning process, contingencies for structure protection are being evaluated. The fire is now burning into an area with no recorded fire history and the brush and trees are very receptive to the introduction of fire.

Weather continues to be warm with the potential of thunderstorms in the afternoon tomorrow. Temperatures will remain over 95°F and humidity levels of 25% continue to make fire conditions and behavior very intense at times.

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Date: Saturday, August 11, 2012 Time: 6:03 PM

The Piute Complex continues to demobilize though the Incident Management Team has extended for one day due to local fire activity. The Squirrel Fire is contained. Mop up continues though it will transition to patrol status this afternoon.

The Jawbone Complex includes the Jawbone, Rim, Slope and possibly another two un-named fires. The Jawbone is at 1909 acres and 10% contained. The Rim Fire is 5335 acres and 10% contained. There is no information on any of the other fires as they are of low priority. Both fires are continuing to burn actively with the Rim still making significant runs. Both are moving to the west but are still 6-8 miles from any improvements. There have been no reported injuries. SoCal Incident Management Team 1 is scheduled to assume the fire either later tonight or at 0600 tomorrow. Significant resource requests remain outstanding as statewide demand remains high due to several new fires across the state. FIRE INFO PHOTOS & POSTS 24/7

<https://www.facebook.com/KRVFIREINFO> FINAL UPDATE Date: Saturday, August 11, 2012 Time: 8:13 PM

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CLEAR & HEALD FIRES from Piute Complex

Location:

CLEAR FIRE: 6 Miles South of Lake Isabella

HEALD FIRE: 11 Miles East of Lake Isabella

Acres Burned:

CLEAR FIRE: 1,449 acres

HEALD FIRE: 350 acres

Containment: CLEAR FIRE: 100%

HEALD FIRE: 100%

Structures Threatened: 20

Structures Destroyed: 0

Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 381

Injuries: 2

Fire Started: 08/04/12

Cause: Lightning

FIRE INFO PHONE: (951) 297-3493

SUMMARY:

Crews are still working on the Piute incident and have established Fire Line Suppression Repair objectives. This will be the last formal news release on the Piute Complex. For future updates about the Piute Complex and road and trail closure information, please contact Sequoia National Forest, Kern River Ranger District Public Affairs Officer Cody Norris at 760-384-8017. Clear Fire: CLEAR FIRE:

The Clear fire is 100% contained.

Road and trail closures will continue while crews repair damages caused by equipment. HEALD FIRE:

The Heald Fire is being 100% contained.

South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team is assigned Piute Complex.

The Incident Base Camp has been established at Camp 9. CLOSURES: * Saddle Springs Road - between Bodfish-Caliente Rd and Piute Mountain Rd.

* Camp 9 – Camp ground and day use closed to the public.

OHV Trail Closures due to the fires include: CLEAR FIRE: * Clear Creek Trail 33E45

* Cold Springs Trail 33E68

* Libel Peak Trail 33E65

HEALD FIRE INFO PAGE

<http://inciweb.org/incident/3087/>

The Heald Fire is believed to be a lightning fire. Multiple lightning strikes occurred in the surrounding area late Friday night August 3. The fire was initially reported the following day, Saturday August 4, around 12:45 pm.

The fire is burning in the northeast section of the Piute Mountains of the Sequoia National Forest in very rough terrain. As of 6:00 pm it is estimated to be 250 acres in size. Smokejumpers have been deployed to this rugged area and are actively fighting the fire. No containment is estimated at this time.

CLEAR FIRE INFO PAGE:

<http://inciweb.org/incident/3086/>

The Clear Fire is believed to be a lightning fire. Multiple lightning strikes occurred in the surrounding area late Friday night August 3. The fire was initially reported the following day, Saturday August 4, around 12:30 pm. The fire is burning near the Clear Creek Drainage in the Piute Mountain area of the Sequoia National Forest, south of the town of Lake Isabella.

It was initially sized up to be 2 to 5 acres in brush and grass moving at a moderate to rapid rate of spread. As of 5:30 pm it is estimated to be 300 acres in size.

Firefighters are actively fighting the fire, with ground and air resources. No containment is estimated at this time.

Structure protection will be in place for the community of Valley View.

SOUTH FIRE IN BODFISH INFO: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3056/> 8:08am 8-1-2012 KERN COUNTY FIRE DEPT ANNOUNCEMENT:

The South Fire has been given an updated size of 271 acres after more accurate mapping of the fire was able to be completed.

The fire is currently 95% contained and structures are no longer threatened. No structures were destroyed .

150 firefighters are on scene helping to battle the blaze.

There have been no reported injuries.

For more information call 661-330-0133

Bodfish fire burns more than 300 acres

By The Bakersfield Californian

Firefighters from four agencies were battling a fire in Bodfish Sunday that had burned more than 300 acres. As of about 8 p.m., the fire was 10 percent contained. About 250 personnel from the Kern County Fire Department, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection were working to

contain the fire off of South Alpine Way in Bodfish. Five helicopters and six fixed-wing aircraft were used. The fire was spreading at a moderate rate of speed over steep terrain. A cause hadn't been determined as of Sunday evening. There were no injuries and no structures involved at that point. MORE INFO:

Kern River Valley Fire Info 10:08 7-29-2012 Bodfish, CA Firefighters responded to a wildland fire today in Bodfish Canyon, just west of the town of Lake Isabella. The "South" fire, presently at 450 acres was reported at 2:06 p.m. The fire started in a rural residential area near Alpine Way and Alpine Court and immediately spread southerly, upslope, burning in grass and scattered brush. Forty-nine homes are threatened; however, no structures have been lost. The small community of Valley View sits south of the fire and firefighting efforts are in place to protect that community. A Wilderness Study Area containing Piute Cypress Trees is also being protected from fire encroachment. 300+ firefighting personnel and equipment from the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, Kern County Fire Department, and Cal-Fire responded. Fire fighters on the ground were assisted by 5 helicopters and 6 fixed wing aircraft. Crews will remain on the fire overnight and 200 more firefighters are on their way to the incident. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Assistance is being received from the California Highway Patrol and the Kern County Sheriff's Department. We would like to take this opportunity to remind residents and forest visitors of the very dry conditions that exist in our area. Please be extra careful with campfire, bar-b-ques, stoves, and smoking. Derek Tisinger Kern County Fire Department (661)330-0133 Cindy Thill US Forest Service
Dealing with Wildfire Smoke

For more information telephone:

United States Forest Service at 760-417-0608

Bureau of Land Management at 661-742-4474 or 661-332-1754

Kern County Fire Department at 661-330-0133 or visit www.kerncountyfire.org

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Glossary of Wildland Fire Terms Good resources for helpful fire prevention & defensible space information: Kern River Valley Fire Safe Council Fire Information for KRV Residents Water-wise, Fire-wise &/or Native Planting Resources

Create a Wildfire Action Plan

California Office of Emergency Service's Interactive Google Map

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