



Yosemite Fire Update September 8, 2014 Update #19

Meadow (37 42.738 x 119 30.541 – Mariposa Co., 7,870', August 16) A fire, that may be a spot fire, from the Meadow lightning-caused fire, was discovered at approximately 12:30 PM, Sunday, September 7. The fire is burning in Yosemite Wilderness, and is **approximately 2,582 acres**. It is burning within the Little Yosemite Valley (LYV) area on both sides of the Merced River. All trails in the area are closed. Approximately 100 hikers and backpackers were evacuated from the fire area in LYV. The High Sierra Camps were seasonally closed today.

Eighty-five hikers and climbers were also evacuated from the summit of Half Dome by helicopters from the California Highway Patrol, Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Sequoia Kings Canyon National Park, and CAL Fire.

The South Central Sierra Interagency Management Team will begin management of the fire at 6 PM, September 8, 2014.

Resources:

- 4 Type 1 (heavy helicopters),
- 3 Type 2 (medium helicopters)
- 1 Air Attack
- 3 Air Tankers
- Over 100 firefighters are assigned, including Yosemite fire crews and 6 Hot Shot crews

Closed Trails:

- Echo Creek Drainage to LYV
- Sunrise Creek Drainage to LYV (John Muir Trail)
- Merced River Corridor to Merced Lake Ranger Station
- Nevada falls east through LYV along the Merced River corridor.
- Sunrise trail to Clouds Rest from Tenaya Lake

Smoke Impacts: Visitors, campers, employees are likely to have air quality smoke impacts overnight and early morning hours in Yosemite Valley. Key points:

- Fires of this magnitude, in this area of the park have in the past produce heavy smoke that drains down into Yosemite Valley, so be prepared for smoke in the Unhealthy AQI range or worse in the mornings, with some clearing in the afternoon hours.
- Information for schools can be found on this site, and links to current air quality updates for this incident will be posted on the California Smoke Information blog.

As with any fire incident in Yosemite National Park, firefighter and public safety is our number one priority. We appreciate everyone's assistance with this priority.

For More Information

- Fire information: gary_wuchner@nps.gov,
- Fire Information call center: (209) 372-0327; 372-0328; and, 372-0329.
- For Yosemite air quality data and webcams: www.nps.gov/yose/naturescience/aqmonitoring.htm
- For smoke updates: www.californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com
- Yosemite National Park Web page: http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/current_fire.htm
- Yosemite Wildland Fire Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Yosemite-Wildland-Fire/12463296455395>