



# PIUTE FIRE - INFORMATION UPDATE

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**Contact:** As of 12 Noon July 17, 2008 the Piute Fire Call Center will be Closed

**This is the final fire update**

Fire information requests should be directed to Sequioa National Forest at either the Lake Isabella Visitor Center (760) 379-5646 or Kernville District Office at (760)376-3781.

## Thursday, July 17th @8:00 AM PDT Daily Update

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Cost	Total Personnel
Piute Fire	37,026 *	97%	\$ 23,647,000	501

### Resources

Crews	Engines	Dozers	Watertenders	Helicopters	Overhead
10	10	4	5	2	246

### WHAT'S NEW & EVENTS:

All fire related evacuation orders for the Piute Fire have been removed.

All flood warnings and flood evacuations are being managed by Kern County Sheriff's Office - Call 211 for flood information.

- Crews continued working to mop up scattered hot spots
- Rehabilitation of fire line continues on all contained sections of the fire
- Primary concerns for firefighter safety include unknown road conditions due to yesterday's flash floods, trees weakened by soil movement, and potential thunderstorms and associated erratic winds
- For anyone that may need assistance from the Red Cross due to the Piute Fire and associated flood events, please contact them at (661) 324-6427 or (800) 498-4882.

**Fire Status:** Between 1 and 3 inches of rain fell across the Piute Fire area yesterday. As a result, fire activity has been minimal. Fire crews will be assessing roads for access into the fire today following yesterdays flash flood event.

**Evacuation Shelter:** The shelter at the Kern Valley Senior Center, 6409 Lake Isabella Blvd, will remain open to assist any that may be displaced due to flood activity.

**Existing Closures and Road Status:** On July 1, the Forest Service implemented a Piute Fire Area Closure. This area includes all access points west of the Pacific Crest Trail. BLM closures include Nichols Peak, Bright Star Wilderness Area, Cortez Canyon, Dry Canyon, Jawbone Canyon and Lynch Canyon, Piute Mountain Road, Saddle Springs Road, Erskine Creek Road and all routes of travel west of the Pacific Crest Trail, are now closed to off highway vehicles (OHV). Other road closures include McCray Road from the end of the pavement south, and Fawn Drive from the end of the pavement south. There is an area closure in effect for the Piute Mountains from Piute Mountain Road at Caliente Creek Road; Jawbone Canyon Road south of Piute Mountain Road; Roads 29S02 and 29S03 and Erskine Creek Road at pavement.

**Weather:** Mostly sunny. A slight chance of thunderstorms just to the east of the fire area (10%). Temperatures range from 78-88 on the ridge tops to 94-100 in the valleys. Relative humidity will be 20 to 30% across the area. Valley winds will be 1-3 mph becoming westerly 4-6 mph in the afternoon. Ridge top winds will be east to southeast 2-4 mph becoming northwest late in the afternoon.

### Cooperating Agencies & Partners:

US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Kern County Fire Department, Kern County Sheriff, and Kern County Office of Emergency Services, CALFIRE, California Highway Patrol and the Kern County Animal Control, and Office of Emergency Services Fire and Rescue.