



Yosemite Fire Update July 31, 2014 as of 7:00AM El Portal Fire – New Road Information

General El Portal Fire Information

The El Portal Fire remains active in extremely steep and remote terrain requiring heavy dependence on TYPE 1 hand crews and aviation assets. As with any incident in Yosemite National Park, firefighter and public safety is our number one priority. We appreciate everyone's assistance with this priority.

- The fire is currently 3,900 acres and 34% contained.
- Resources assigned include 1,063 Fire Personnel.
- As of July 29 at 9AM, the evacuation order for Old El Portal was lifted.
- As of July 27, a Type 1 Interagency Management Team, from Southern California, was given command of this fire. The fire is on both NPS lands and Stanislaus National Forest. Joint Unified Command has been established.
- On July 26, at approximately 3:15, the El Portal fire began in the community of El Portal.

Foresta – Fire remains active near community

- Evacuations remain in effect for Foresta.
- Structures in Foresta remain threatened. Two structures have been lost in Foresta – both of which were lost on the first day of the fire, located at the same address.
- Structure protection engines remain in the area.

Campgrounds & Roads Affected

- **Tigoa Road is open and all of Highway 120 is open.**
- **All of Big Oak Flat Road is open.**
- Crane Flat Campground is closed due to the El Portal Fire.
- Yosemite Creek Campground is closed due to the Dark Hole Fire.
- Bridalveil Campground is being used for fire operations and is therefore closed.
- Hodgdon Meadows Campground remains open.

Additional Fire Activity in Yosemite – all lightning started fires in designated Wilderness

- Dark Hole (724 acres, 5% contained) – managing for minimum impact to wilderness character and is being managed by the Type 1 Interagency Team.
- Mount Starr King (.5 acres) – smoldering and creeping
- Lumbert (.25 acres) – smoldering and creeping
- Cathedral (.5 acres) – smoldering and creeping
- Elbow (2 acres) – smoldering and creeping

For More Information

El Portal Fire updates are provided by the Type 1 Incident Management Team, working closely with park management. Fire information call center: 209-372-0327 or 209-372-0328.