

NEWS RELEASE

Sierra National Forest



For Immediate Release

Date: July 28th, 2015 8:00 PM

Willow Fire **Location:** Northeast of North Fork, Bass Lake Ranger District, in the Sierra National Forest.

Acres Burned:	1,739	Structures Threatened:	450
Containment:	5%	Structures Destroyed:	0
Fire Started:	July 25 th , 2015	Injuries:	1
Cause:	Under investigation		

Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 1215

Summary

Fire crews will continue to build containment lines on all sides of the fire using direct and indirect strategies. The fire is in steep and rugged terrain, which requires hand crews hiking in and being supported by helicopters and air tankers.

Road 274 was reopened to normal travel yesterday. The public is reminded to drive with caution as a lot of firefighting equipment will be traveling on local roads going into the Willow Fire area.

A strong high pressure system is expected to move into the area starting today. High temperatures are expected over the fire area over the next few days associated with the weather system.

As the Willow Fire continues to burn, smoke will be impacting local communities. Smoke is typically greater in the morning and evening hours. Plan outdoor activities for times and places with low smoke levels. Up-slope breezes occur during the day, which will often take smoke into higher elevations. In the evening, these winds change direction and bring smoke down slope to lower elevations. For more information about smoke impacts, please visit the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Districts website at: <http://valleyair.org/wildfires.htm>

Evacuations

- The Central Camp area was evacuated due to the fire.
- The American Red Cross has set up an evacuation center and is located at the Oakhurst Community Center, 39800 Road 425 B in Oakhurst, CA.

Closures

- Canyon Road remain closed until further notice.
- Gagges, Whiskers, and Whiskey Falls campgrounds are closed.



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