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Inyo Creek Fire Update

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Incident Start Date: 06/19/2021 **Cause:** Lightning **Size:** 586 acres **Containment:** 30%
Incident Type: Full Suppression **Vegetation Type:** Brush and Timber **Agency:** Inyo National Forest, U.S. Forest Service
Resources Assigned: Engines: 21 **Helicopters:** 7 **Fixed-wing:** 2 **Crews:** 19 **Water tenders:** 6
Dozers: 2 **Total Personnel:** 589

Current Situation: The Inyo Creek Fire is now 30% contained and projected to continue burning in Lone Pine Creek and adjacent ridgelines today. Extremely low fuel moisture and persistent dry, windy conditions remain a challenge. Skies are predicted to be blue with cumulous clouds moving in this afternoon and winds blowing up-canyon from the east.

Firefighters continue to work in the steep, rugged conditions of the Lone Pine Creek drainage, and are prioritizing structure protection of historic cabins and Whitney Portal Store. Plans for trail restoration are currently being developed by resource advisors, including the construction of water bars – a technique to mitigate the effects of water erosion on trails. Trail access in the Whitney Portal area including the National Recreation Trail (NRT) remain closed to hikers.

Evacuations for Whitney Portal Reserve, all residents of Whitney Portal Road North of Horseshoe Meadow Road, as well as all the Whitney Portal and Lone Pine Campground are still in effect. Beginning at 8 a.m. today residents in the area east of Olivas Ranch Road are permitted to repopulate.

Closures: The Whitney Portal Road is closed at Horseshoe Meadow Road. The Forest is working with the Inyo County Sheriff's Office on the road closure and organizing vehicle retrieval shuttles. At this time all hikers that have planned to exit the Mt. Whitney Trailhead should use a different exit point such as, the Cottonwood Pass Trailhead or Onion Valley.

Fire Restrictions remain in effect for the Inyo National Forest and Bishop Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Campfires are allowed only in developed campgrounds and recreation sites. A portable stove or lantern using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel may be used with a valid wilderness or California Campfire Permit in dispersed areas. No fireworks are ever allowed on the forest. Smoking is allowed within an enclosed vehicle, building, a developed recreation site, or in an area at least three feet in diameter cleared of flammable material.

For updates and maps, please visit: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7564/>

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