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Inyo Creek Fire Update

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Incident Start Date: 06/19/2021 **Cause:** Lightning **Size:** 592 acres **Containment:** 35%
Incident Type: Full Suppression **Vegetation Type:** Brush and Timber **Agency:** Inyo National Forest, U.S. Forest Service
Resources Assigned: Engines: 13 **Helicopters:** 7 **Fixed-wing:** 2 **Crews:** 13 **Water tenders:** 6
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Current Situation: The Inyo Creek Fire is now 35% contained and the fire will continue to burn in Lone Pine Creek and adjacent ridgelines today. Mostly sunny skies, breezy, easterly up-canyon winds accompany the extremely low fuel moisture and persistent dry conditions. Structure defense in the Whitney Portal remains a priority especially with the forecasted dry air mass moving into the area.

Last night's fire behavior included a moderate rate of spread, and this weekend's increasing temperatures will contribute to challenges for the crews. Firefighters continue to build and maintain fire line, extinguish hot spots and mop up where appropriate.

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 two ranches west of Olivas Ranch Road are permitted to repopulate.

Closures: The Whitney Portal Road is closed at Horseshoe Meadow Road. The forest continues to coordinate with the Inyo County Sheriff's Office at the closure. 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. Forest Order No. 05-54-54-21-16 closing the Meysan Lake Trail and National Recreation Trail (NRT) from their respective trailheads to terminus points is now in effect

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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