



Forest Service
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Inyo Creek Fire Update

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Incident Start Date: 06/19/2021 **Cause:** Lightning **Size:** 592 acres **Containment:** 70%
Incident Type: Full Suppression **Vegetation Type:** Brush and Timber **Agency:** Inyo National Forest, U.S. Forest Service
Resources Assigned: Engines: 13 **Helicopters:** 4 **Crews:** 12 **Water tenders:** 5 **Total Personnel:** 442

Current Situation: Containment on the Inyo Creek Fire is now at 70 %. The highest point within the fire perimeter is 9,071 feet, with the lowest point at 5,997 feet. The total fire perimeter is 8.68 miles, extending 1.7 miles north to south and 1.4 miles east to west. At 2 p.m. today a red flag warning will go into effect through Tuesday as hot, dry air, and the potential for dry lighting along the crest of the Sierra increases. Any nearby thunderstorms may produce gusty and erratic winds impacting the fire area.

Fire suppression activities are winding down and crews are being released to go to other incidents or back to their home units. Repair and rehabilitation efforts are continuing in the Whitney Portal. Structures that have been wrapped as part of the structure defense work are now being unwrapped, a process that can take two hours or more per structure.

Evacuations for all residents of Whitney Portal Road North of Horseshoe Meadow Road, all the Whitney Portal and Lone Pine Campground are still in effect. Firefighters are continuing to work hard to get the status of the fire to a state where many of the closures can be re-opened to the public.

Closures: The Whitney Portal Road is closed at Olivas Ranch 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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