

Incident Status Summary (ICS-209)

Incident: **SQF COMPLEX**

1. Incident Name: SQF COMPLEX		2. Incident Number: CA-SQF-002622									
3. Report Version (check one box): Initial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Update Final	4. Incident Commander(s) & Agency or Organization: Michael Wakoski, CIIMT 13 Jesse Estrada, CAL FIRE Tulare Unit	5. Incident Management Organization: Type 2 Team <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unified Command	6. Incident Start Date/Time: Date: 08/24/2020 Time: 1125 PDT								
7. Current Incident Size or Area Involved (use unit label – e.g., "Acres", "Square Miles"): 167913 Acres	8a. Percent (%) Contained or Completed: 70 %	9. Incident Type: Complex B. Incident Description: Wildfire C. Cause: D. Fire Suppression Strategy:	10. Incident Complexity Level: Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complex	11. Report Time Period: From Date/Time: 10/15/2020 0530 PDT To Date/Time: 10/15/2020 1730 PDT							
	b. Total Percentage (%) of Perimeter that will be Contained or Completed: 100 %				<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Strategy</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Percent (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Monitor</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Confine</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Point Zone Protection</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Full Suppression</td> <td style="text-align: center;">100</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Strategy	Percent (%)	Monitor		Confine	
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12. Prepared By: Print Name: Bryan Vergne Date/Time Prepared: 10/15/2020 1730 PDT		13. Approved By: Print Name: Michael Wakoski Signature: _____									
14. Date/Time Submitted: 10/15/2020 1739 PDT		15. Primary Location, Organization, or Agency Sent To: CA-OSCC									
16. State: CA	17. County / Parish / Borough: Tulare	18. City:									
19. Unit or Other:	20. Incident Jurisdiction: CA-SQF	21. Incident Location Ownership (if different than jurisdiction):									
22. Latitude/Longitude: Latitude: 36° 15' 18" Longitude: 118° 29' 48"	23. US National Grid Reference: Grid Zone: x-Coordinate: y-Coordinate:	24. Legal Description: Principal Meridian: Township: Range: Section: 1/4 Sec: of 1/4 Sec:									
25. Short Location or Area Description (list all affected areas or a reference point): 25 miles north of Kernville, CA			26. UTM Coordinates: Zone: Easting: Northing:								
27. Note any geospatial data available (indicate data format, content, and collection time information and labels): All geospatial data and products are uploaded to FTP site. https://ftp.nifc.gov/public/incident_specific_data/calif_s/!2020_Incidents/CA-SQF-002622_SQF%20COMPLEX/GIS/Products/											
28. Observed Fire Behavior or Significant Events for the Time Period Reported (describe fire behavior using accepted terminology. For non-fire incidents, describe significant events related to the materials or other causal agents): Active											

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**Flanking
Backing
Spotting**

Narrative:

Division I: Active flanking, backing and short range spotting. Torching head fire, short slope driven runs when in alignment north of coyote creek.

Divisions T: Smoldering, creeping, interior islands burning out.

Divisions D, Y, Z, N, L: Smoldering, creeping, interior islands continue to burn.

Divisions U and E: Active flanking, backing, and short range spotting. Single Tree and group torching with short runs.

Fixed and rotary wing aircraft were effective in slowing the spread at Homers Nose. With the dry fuels, forward fire progression will continue to the north and east but will be mainly be backing and flanking. Spotting distances of 300-600 feet and the POI will increase into the 90%-100% range unshaded.

Single group tree torching will likely occur around Cahoon Meadow.

Expect the fire to remain active in thermal belts or until the RH recovers above 25-30%. In Divisions D and T, expect the RH to drop after midnight and fire behavior to increase in the interior and on the northern flank.

Sustained crown runs to the north from Dennison Ridge in north-south aligned drainages.

29. Primary Fuel Model, Materials, or Hazards Involved (hazardous chemicals, fuel types, infectious agents, radiation, etc):

**Timber (Litter and Understory)
Chaparral (6 feet)
Timber (Grass and Understory)**

Narrative:

Fuel models located within the fire area vary with elevation and some have limited fire history. These include stands of dense mixed conifer with heavy brush below timber lines. The McNally burn scar (2002), Pier burn scar (2017), and Schaefer burn scar (2017) contain a mixture of grass, brush and snags which are all supporting fire spread. Fire is burning within areas of significant tree mortality contributing to significant fire resistance to control efforts.

30. Damage Assessment Information (summarize damage and/or restriction of use or availability to residential or commercial property, natural resources, critical infrastructure and key resources, etc):

Damage inspection has been completed. The Final Numbers are 10 single residences damaged, and 173 Destroyed, 2 Other minor structures damaged, and 55 destroyed.

**EVACUATION ORDERS-Communities and Areas under an Evacuation Order:
-South Fork Drive, west of Salt Creek Fire Control**

A. Structural Summary	B. # Threatened (up to 72 hrs)	C. # Damaged	D. # Destroyed
E. Single Residences	1,075	10	173
F. Multiple Residences	0	0	0
G. Mixed Commercial / Residential	0	0	0
H. Nonresidential Commercial Property	0	0	0
I. Other Minor Structures	0	2	55

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<p>Road</p> <p>EVACUATION WARNING-Communities and Areas open to Residents ONLY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Camp Nelson-Pier Point-Ponderosa-Mountain Aire, Coye Flat, Doyle Springs, & Rodgers Camp-Sequoia Crest-Alpine Village-Redwood Drive Area-Balch Park Road from Battle Mountain Monument to the entrance to Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest.-Bear Creek Road from the Racheria Fire Control Road to the entrance of Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest.-South Fork Drive past Conley Bridge to Salt Creek Fire Control Road-Silver City-Mineral King-Mountain Home Decoration State Forest-Balch Park Campground <p>AREA CLOSURES:</p> <p>Sequoia National Park- OPEN. Exception: Mineral King area and some wilderness lands, which will remain closed due to wildfire concerns, and facilities that are closed due to the pandemic.</p> <p>Sequoia National Forest- Western Divide (M107) CLOSED, while the Hume Lake and Kern River Ranger Districts remain OPEN.</p> <p>Inyo National Forest- OPEN. Exception: All Wilderness Areas in the Sierra Nevada and Monache</p> <p>ROAD CLOSURE and/or TEMPORARY CONTROL POINTS (https://tularecounty.ca.gov/emergencies/):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Balch Park Road at the entrance to Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest-Bear Creek Road at the entrance to Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest-Redwood Drive at Highway 190-South Fork Drive at Salt Creek Fire Control Road	
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<p>31. Public Status Summary: <i>C. Indicate the Number of <u>Civilians</u> (Public) Below:</i></p>	<p>32. Responder Status Summary: <i>C. Indicate the Number of <u>Responders</u> Below:</i></p>
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	Previous Report Total	A. # this Reporting Period	B. Total # to-date		Previous Report Total	A. # this Reporting Period	B. Total # to-date
D. Fatalities	0		0	D. Fatalities	0		0
E. With Injuries/Illness	0		0	E. With Injuries/Illness	17	0	17
F. Trapped/In Need of Rescue	0		0	F. Trapped/In Need of Rescue	0		0
G. Missing	0		0	G. Missing	0		0
H. Evacuated	260	0	260	H. Evacuated	0		0
I. Sheltering in Place	0		0	I. Sheltering in Place	0		0
J. In Temporary Shelters	0		0	J. In Temporary Shelters	0		0
K. Have Received Mass Immunizations	0		0	K. Have Received Mass Immunizations	0		0
L. Require Immunizations	0		0	L. Require Immunizations	0		0
M. In Quarantine	0		0	M. In Quarantine	0		0
N. Total # Civilians (Public) Affected:	260	0	260	N. Total # Responders Affected:	17	0	17

<p>33. Life, Safety, and Health Status/Threat Remarks:</p> <p>Safety and health threats to suppression personnel includes long travel routes of narrow mountain roads through rural, farming, and ranching communities with limited visibility due to smoky conditions. Congested roadways and heavy traffic in and around the incident. Drought, bug kill, & fire Weakened trees all have accident potential. Steep, terrain will bring footing issues, access issues creates alignment and safety issues. The changing weather conditions will affect the work zones.</p> <p>There is potential to threaten the communities of Three Rivers and the structures in the South Fork drainage.</p>	<p>34. Life, Safety, and Health Threat Management:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Active?</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>A. No Likely Threat</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>B. Potential Future Threat</td><td style="text-align: center;">X</td></tr> <tr><td>C. Mass Notifications in Progress</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>D. Mass Notifications Completed</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>E. No Evacuation(s) Imminent</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>F. Planning for Evacuation</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>G. Planning for Shelter-in-Place</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>H. Evacuation(s) in Progress</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>I. Shelter-in-Place in Progress</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>J. Repopulation in Progress</td><td style="text-align: center;">X</td></tr> <tr><td>K. Mass Immunization in Progress</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>L. Mass Immunization Complete</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>M. Quarantine in Progress</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>N. Area Restriction in Effect</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>O. Road Closure</td><td style="text-align: center;">X</td></tr> <tr><td>P. Trail Closure</td><td style="text-align: center;">X</td></tr> <tr><td>Q. Area Closure</td><td style="text-align: center;">X</td></tr> </tbody> </table>		Active?	A. No Likely Threat		B. Potential Future Threat	X	C. Mass Notifications in Progress		D. Mass Notifications Completed		E. No Evacuation(s) Imminent		F. Planning for Evacuation		G. Planning for Shelter-in-Place		H. Evacuation(s) in Progress		I. Shelter-in-Place in Progress		J. Repopulation in Progress	X	K. Mass Immunization in Progress		L. Mass Immunization Complete		M. Quarantine in Progress		N. Area Restriction in Effect		O. Road Closure	X	P. Trail Closure	X	Q. Area Closure	X
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<p>35. Weather Concerns (synopsis of current and predicted weather; discuss related factors that may cause concern):</p> <p>Heavy elevated smoke from the Creek Fire moved south of our fire early enough to not impact our operations. The morning inversion dissipated around noon and temperatures rose sharply across the western half of the fire where high temperatures peaked 4 to 8 degrees higher than yesterday, generally in the 80s to near 90. Highs on the east side were only slightly warmer than yesterday. After poor overnight recoveries, afternoon minimum humidity levels ranged from 10 to 30 percent with the higher values in the deeper western valleys. Light and variable winds were found across much of the fire area with the more exposed ridges developing a light south to southwest breeze in the afternoon.</p> <p>The hot, dry and slightly unstable conditions will continue across the fire area Friday with a bit more of a westerly wind during the later afternoon hours. Saturday onward temperatures will begin a slow and steady decline back to normal levels by the middle of next week, with gradually rising humidity levels. The westerly flow</p>																																					

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across the fire will be slightly enhanced over the weekend then ease back early next week.	
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36. Projected Incident Activity, Potential, Movement, Escalation, or Spread and influencing factors during the next operational period and in 12-, 24-, 48-, and 72-hour time frames:

12 hours: **The smoke inversion over the fire continues to moderate fire behavior in morning with increasing fire behavior in the afternoon as the inversion breaks. An increase in humidity also is moderating fire behavior. Fire remains active through the night in Div U.**

24 hours: **There is continued potential for fire growth in the north, northwest and northeast, including the potential to threaten the communities of Three Rivers and the structures in the South Fork drainage, Case Mountain and Case Mountain Sequoia Grove.**

48 hours: **Same as 24 hour.**

72 hours: **Same as 24 hour.**

Anticipated after 72 hours: **Continuation of suppression repair and indirect containment line construction in Division T/U.**

37. Strategic Objectives (define planned end-state for incident):

Strategic Framework

Implement a full suppression strategy on the Castle and Shotgun Fires. Values at risk include human safety, private property and residences, infrastructure, utilities, developed sites, facilities, Giant Sequoia groves and archaeological and cultural sites. Apply tactics that offer the highest probability of success.

Control Objectives

To prevent the fires from spreading to private property, surrounding communities, and values at risk, keep the fire:

-North of Durrwood Camp and the Tule River Reservation to protect communities and infrastructure along the Kern River and within the Reservation.

-West of Toowa Range to Kingfisher Ridge to 22S05 Road to protect recreational and administrative infrastructure.

-South of Mineral King Road to Lost Canyon to Whitney Meadow to limit fire growth to the north.

-East of Springville to Blue Ridge to South Fork to protect communities west of the fire.

38. Current Incident Threat Summary and Risk Information in 12-, 24-, 48-, and 72-hour timeframes and beyond. Summarize primary incident threats to life, property, communities and community stability, residences, health care facilities, other critical infrastructure and key resources, commercial facilities, natural and environmental resources, cultural resources, and continuity of operations and/or business. Identify corresponding incident-related potential economic or cascading impacts:

12 hours: **Threat to structures in the South Fork drainage, including the Hockett Meadows Ranger Station, Peck's Cabin, Kern Cabin, Ming Cabin, and Quinn Patrol Cabin. Wilderness values within the Sequoia National Park.**

24 hours: **Threat to structures in the South Fork drainage, critical infrastructure in the Case Mountain Sequoia groves and wilderness values within the Sequoia National Park.**

48 hours: **Same as 24 hour threats.**

72 hours: **The communities of Silver City, Mineral King, and Three Rivers East.**

Anticipated after 72 hours: **Same as 72 hour threats.**

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39. Critical Resource Needs in 12-, 24-, 48-, and 72-hour timeframes and beyond to meet critical incident objectives. List resource category, kind, and/or type, and amount needed, in priority order:

1 medical support trailer
1 ABRO
1 ASGS
1 HLCO
1 FBAN
1 SITL
1 Type 1 Crew
2 HEQB

12 hours:

24 hours: **Same as 12 hour.**

48 hours: **Same as 12 hour.**

72 hours: **Same as 12 hour.**

Anticipated after 72 hours: **Same as 12 hour.**

40. Strategic Discussion: Explain the relation of overall strategy, constraints, and current available information to:

- 1) critical resource needs identified above,
- 2) the Incident Action Plan and management objectives and targets,
- 3) anticipated results.

Explain major problems and concerns such as operational challenges, incident management problems, and social, political, economic, or environmental concerns or impacts.

The fire behavior on the east, south and west sides are expected to be minimal. The uncontained fire's edge to the north, northwest and northeast continues to burn actively.

Heavy vegetation, snags, and steep terrain make it difficult to access the fires edge and contain. Management Action Points and responses to the MAPs have been developed.

Objective concerns are high due the remoteness of fire, proximity to the Giant Sequoia groves, steep terrain, threats to structures, and other areas popular with tourism.

Implementation of Slick Rock Spike camp in northwestern area of fire to decrease travel times and increase efficiency.

Implementation of four additional spike camps in the fire area to facilitate with suppression and suppression repair.

41. Planned Actions for Next Operational Period:

Strategic aerial and hand ignition to secure fire perimeter in Division T area. Point protection for critical values at risk continue to be evaluated.

Continue to identify containment opportunities in the northwest, North, and northeast corners of the fire.

Continue repopulation and suppression repair efforts.

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42. Projected Final Incident Size/Area (use unit label – e.g., "Acres", "Square Miles"): 200,000
43. Anticipated Incident Containment or Completion Date: 11/01/2020
44. Projected Significant Resource Demobilization Start Date: 10/29/2020
45. Estimated Incident Costs to Date: \$95,973,210.00
46. Projected Final Incident Cost Estimate: \$100,000,000.00

47. Remarks (or continuation of any blocks above – list block number in notation):
Block #9 Cause of both fires was determined to be lightning strike.

Block #42 Projected Final Size and #43 Anticipated Containment Date are dependent on resource availability of which we are currently limited with several unstaffed divisions and due to fire burning in wilderness with limited access in difficult terrain. Critical needs for resources continue and if received a sooner containment date and projected final size could be estimated. Estimate for Block #42 is in acres.

Incident Name	Suppression Strategy	Area	Area Measure	% Ctn/Comp	% Ctn/Comp Measure	Est. Cost to Date	Est. Comp Date	Perimeter
CASTLE	Full Suppression	167,072	Acres	70	Percent	95,973,210	11/01/2020	
Shotgun	Full Suppression	841	Acres	100	Percent		10/04/2020	

49. Resources (summarize resources by category, kind, and/or type; show # of resources on top 1/2 of box, show # of personnel associated with resource on bottom 1/2 of box):

48. Agency or Org	Rsrc	CR1	CR2	CR2IA	CRC	HEL1	HEL2	HEL3	ENG3	ENG6	DOZR	WTDT	WTDS	MAST	50. Ovhd	51. Tot Pers
BIA	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	7
BLM	Rsrc	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
	Pers	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	15	36
C&L	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0		
	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	57	90
CA	Rsrc	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Pers	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	64
CA-CDF	Rsrc	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0		
	Pers	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	1	0	0	22	67
FS	Rsrc	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	2	0	0		
	Pers	60	0	38	0	0	0	0	29	0	2	4	0	0	80	213
FWS	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MEX	Rsrc	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Pers	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
NPS	Rsrc	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
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	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PRI	Rsrc	0	4	0	0	6	4	3	2	3	5	9	5	4		
	Pers	0	80	0	0	15	58	25	6	9	7	9	6	6	3	236
ST	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		
	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	9
52. Total Resources		4	10	4	4	6	4	3	12	15	6	12	5	4		843

53. Additional Cooperating and Assisting Organizations Not Listed Above:

In unified command with the following agencies: CAL FIRE and the cooperating Federal agencies.

Inyo National Forest, Sequoia National Forest, Sequoia National Park, Kings Canyon National Park, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern California Edison, Tule River Indian Tribe, Tulare County Fire, Tulare County Sheriff, Tulare County OES, Tulare County Roads, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Conservation Corps, California Office of Emergency Services, AT&T, Verizon, California Department of Transportation, California Air National Guard, and California National Guard. CONAFOR, Mexico.