Incident: **SQF COMPLEX** 

1. Incident Name:	F COMPLEX		2. Incident Number: CA-SQF-002622						
3. Report Version (check one box): Initial <b>X</b> Update Final	4. Incident C Organization	Commander(s) & A : I Wakoski, CIIM	Organ		dent Managemer ization: Type 2 Team		6. Incident Start Date/Time: Date: <b>08/24/2020</b> Time: <b>1125 PDT</b>		
7. Current Incident Size or Area Involved (use unit label – e.g., "Acres", "Square Miles"):  168470 Acres	8a. Percent (%) Contained or Completed: 72 % b. Total Percentage (%) of Perimeter that	9. Incident Type Complex B. Incident Desc Wildfire C. Cause: Unknown D. Fire Suppress Strategy	ription:		10. Incident Complexity Level: Single X Complex	From <b>10/1</b> To Da	eport Time Period: Date/Time: 7/2020 1730 PDT ate/Time: 8/2020 1630 PDT		
	will be Contained or Completed: 100 %	Monitor Confine Point Zone Protection Full Suppression		100					
12. Prepared By: Print Name: <b>Bryan Ver</b> o Date/Time Prepared: <b>10</b> <b>PDT</b>	_	ll	e: <b>Michae</b>	l Wak	oski				
14. Date/Time Submitte 10/18/2020 1730 P		15. Primary Loca CA-OSCC	tion, Organ	nization	, or Agency Sent	То:			
16. State: CA	17. County / Pa <b>Tulare</b>	arish / Borough:					18. City:		
19. Unit or Other: 20.	Incident Jurisdi	ction: 21. Incid CA-SQF		on Owi	nership (if differe	ent tha	n jurisdiction):		
22. Latitude/Longitude: Latitude: <b>36º 15' 18'</b> Longitude: <b>118º 29'</b>	, 48"	3. US National Gri Grid Zone: x-Coordinate: y-Coordinate:	Principal Township				Description: Meridian: p: Range: Section: of 1/4 Sec:		
25. Short Location or Arc 25 miles north of Ker		list all affected ar	eas or a re	ference	e point):	∥ z	. UTM Coordinates: Cone: Easting: Jorthing:		
27. Note any geospatial All geospatial data an https://ftp.nifc.gov/j%20COMPLEX/GIS/F	nd products ar public/inciden	e uploaded to F	TP site.				·		

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):

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Active Flanking Backing Spotting

Narrative:

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

Divisions I, 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.

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 80%-90% 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.

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:
-NONE

EVACUATION WARNING-Communities and Areas open to Residents ONLY:

-Camp Nelson -Pier Point

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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-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

#### AREA CLOSURES:

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.

Sequoia National Forest- Western Divide (M107) CLOSED, while the Hume Lake and Kern River Ranger Districts remain OPEN.

Inyo National Forest- OPEN. Exception: All Wilderness Areas in the Sierra Nevada and Monache

## ROAD CLOSURE and/or TEMPORARY CONTROL POINTS

(https://tularecounty.ca.gov/emergencies/):

-Balch Park Road at the entrance to Mountain

**Home Demonstration State Forest** 

-Bear Creek Road at the entrance to Mountain
Home Demonstration State Forest

31. Public Status Summary:	32. Responder Status Summary:								
C. Indicate the Number of <u>Civilians</u> (Public) Below:				C. Indicate the Number of Responders Below:					
	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		

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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
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		О	J. In Temporary Shelters	О		0
K. Have Received Mass Immunizations	0		0	K. Have Received Mass Immunizations	0		0
L. Require Immunizations	0		О	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

33. Life, Safety, and Health Status/Threat Remarks:

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.

# There is potential to threaten the communities of Three Rivers and the structures in the South Fork drainage.

35. Weather Concerns (synopsis of current and predicted weather; discuss related factors that may cause concern):

Another sunny, although smoky day with temperatures across the fire area peaking one to three degrees cooler than yesterday with highs in the 60s at higher ridges to the middle 80s in the valleys. Humidity levels were a bit improved over yesterday with afternoon minimums in the teens and 20s. A northwesterly breeze was blowing across the higher ridges with light terrain driven winds elsewhere.

Little change is expected Monday into Thursday with warmer than normal temperatures and low humidity levels with little day to day variance. Winds will be light and terrain driven through Thursday. It is looking more likely that a storm system will affect the region next weekend with much cooler temperatures, higher humidity levels, periods of gusty winds and a small chance for a few light mountain showers.

34. Life, Safety, and Health Threat Management:								
-	Active?							
A. No Likely Threat								
B. Potential Future Threat								
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								
K. Mass Immunization in Progress								
L. Mass Immunization Complete								
M. Quarantine in Progress								
N. Area Restriction in Effect								
O. Road Closure	х							
P. Trail Closure	х							
Q. Area Closure	х							

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

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moderating fire behavior. Fire remains active through the night in Div U.

There is continued potential for fire growth in the north, northwest and northeast, including 24 hours: 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 direct containment line construction in Division U; Continuation of suppression repair.

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:

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

Threat to structures in the South Fork drainage, critical infrastructure in the Case Mountain 24 hours: 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.

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

12 hours: **1 FBAN** 1 SITL 1 HEQB

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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 and support of 6 Spike camps in the fire area to decrease travel time and improve efficiency, 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 U 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 direst and indirect attack and suppression repair.

- 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: \$99,461,683.00
- 46. Projected Final Incident Cost Estimate: \$144,000,000.00
- 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

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Incident Name	Suppression Strategy	Area	Area Measure	% Ctn/Comp	% Ctn/Comp Measure	Est. Cost to Date	Est. Comp Date	Perimeter	
CASTLE	CASTLE Full Suppression 167,629 Acres		Acres	72	Percent	99,461,683	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 ½ of box, show # of personnel associated with resource on bottom ½ of box):

48. Agency or Org		CR1	CR2	CR2IA	CRC	HEL1	HEL2	HEL3	ENG3	ENG6	DOZR	WTDT	WTDS	MAST	50. Ovhd	51. Tot Pers
	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
BIA	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	7
	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
BLM	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	14	17
	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0		
C&L	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	60	93
	Rsrc	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CA	Pers	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	64
	Rsrc	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	2	0	0		
FS	Pers	60	0	38	0	0	0	0	29	0	2	4	0	0	94	227
E14/0	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
FWS	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MEV	Rsrc	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
MEX	Pers	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
NDC	Rsrc	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
NPS	Pers	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	40
NIMC	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
NWS	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
OES	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
UES	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
PRI	Rsrc	0	4	0	0	6	4	3	1	3	2	4	8	2		
PKI	Pers	0	80	0	0	24	64	27	3	9	3	4	9	4	3	238
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	8	12
52. Total Resources		4	9	2	4	6	4	3	8	15	3	6	8	2		791

<sup>53.</sup> Additional Cooperating and Assisting Organizations Not Listed Above:

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.