

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: Brian Pisarek, Eastern Area IMT	5. Incident Management Organization: Type 2 Team	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"): 169757 Acres	8a. Percent (%) Contained or Completed: 75 % b. Total Percentage (%) of Perimeter that will be Contained or Completed: 100 %	9. Incident Type: Complex B. Incident Description: Wildfire C. Cause: Unknown D. Fire Suppression Strategy:									
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		10. Incident Complexity Level: Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complex	11. Report Time Period: From Date/Time: 10/25/2020 1730 PDT To Date/Time: 10/26/2020 1730 PDT								
12. Prepared By: Print Name: Bryan Vergne Date/Time Prepared: 10/26/2020 1730 PDT		13. Approved By: Print Name: Brian Pisarek Signature: _____									
14. Date/Time Submitted: 10/26/2020 1734 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):											

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**Active
Flanking
Backing
Creeping**

Narrative:

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

Divisions U and E: Active flanking, backing, and short range spotting with single tree torching.

Resources removed from Div U due to upcoming weather event.

Spotting distances of 300-600 feet and the POI will be 50% at all elevations of the fire.

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 live fuels are curing. These include stands of dense mixed conifer with heavy brush below timber lines. Fire is burning within areas of significant tree mortality contributing to a high 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:

**-South Fork Drive past Conley Bridge to Salt Creek Fire Control Road
-Silver City
-Mineral King**

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.

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>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/): -Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest -Balch Park Campground</p>	
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31. Public Status Summary: <i>C. Indicate the Number of Civilians (Public) Below:</i>				32. Responder Status Summary: <i>C. Indicate the Number of Responders Below:</i>			
	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: 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>-Within the last 72 hours, there has been a pattern of non-</p>	<p>34. Life, Safety, and Health Threat Management:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F. Planning for Evacuation</td> <td></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	X	F. Planning for Evacuation	
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reportable illnesses: 16 Poison Oak related; 2 Positive Covid Tests		Active?
35. Weather Concerns (synopsis of current and predicted weather; discuss related factors that may cause concern): The day started as a tale of fires. The eastern half had single digit humidity and wind gusts 30-35 mph. The western half was under low clouds and humidity of 80-100 percent. At one point, about 7 miles separated the 2 extremes. It appears the higher terrain of Mt Whitney and the surrounding range largely blocked the strong spill over winds experienced to the north and the south.	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	X
	P. Trail Closure	X
	Q. Area Closure	X
A Red Flag Warning remains in effect through 1700 hrs. Tuesday for strong winds and low humidity covering the southern Sierra, including the SQF Complex. However, do not feel the warning conditions will affect this fire area. Locally breezy winds and dry air will remain through Tuesday morning with gusts around 20 mph and humidity in the upper single digits and lower teens. Winds will ease the remainder of the day while the drier air remains in place. High pressure returns starting Wednesday and brings mild and very dry weather for at least the next several days. There are no significant fire weather concerns heading into the weekend.		

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:	
	Active fire mostly confined to the north west corner of the fire in Division U and T around Homers Nose and Cahoon Meadow.
12 hours:	Fire burning mid slope on the north east corner of the fire remains active in several fuel concentrations mostly interior of the fire edge.
24 hours:	Increased surface fire activity on the northwest and northeast corners of the fire due to low RH and increased winds post cold front passage. Potential for fire to threaten the structures in the South Fork Drainage and Three Rivers.
48 hours:	Fire activity will continue to be focused on the northwest and northeast corners of the fire mainly confined to dry surface litter and heavy fuel concentrations. Weather begins to return to seasonal normal. Potential remains for fire to threaten the structures in the South Fork Drainage and the community of Three Rivers.
72 hours:	Warm and dry trend continues. Fire activity will continue to be focused on the northwest and northeast corners of the fire mainly confined to dry surface litter and heavy fuel concentrations. Weather begins to return to seasonal normal. Potential remains for fire to threaten the structures in the South Fork Drainage and the community of Three Rivers.
Anticipated after 72 hours: Warming and drying trend returns	

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	

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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: 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 and critical infrastructure in the South Fork Canyon, 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.**

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:

**3 EMPF
2 FOBS
1 TFLD
1 HEQB
2 REAF
2 READ**

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,

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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 and northeast continues to burn. Continue to confine/ contain on the southern edge of the park.

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.

41. Planned Actions for Next Operational Period:
Point protection for critical values at risk continue to be evaluated in Div U/I

Continue to identify containment opportunities in the north and northeast corners of the fire.

Continue direct 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: **\$106,941,413.00**

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

Incident Name	Suppression Strategy	Area	Area Measure	% Ctn/Comp	% Ctn/Comp Measure	Est. Cost to Date	Est. Comp Date	Perimeter
CASTLE	Full Suppression	168,916	Acres	75	Percent	106,941,413	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	Rsrc	CR1	CR2	CR2IA	CRC	HEL1	HEL2	HEL3	ENG2	ENG3	ENG6	DOZR	WTDT	WTDS	MAST	50. Ovhd	51. Tot Pers
BIA	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	7
BLM	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	10
C&L	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4
CA	Rsrc	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Pers	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	62
FS	Rsrc	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0		

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FS	Pers	0	41	17	10	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	4	0	0	44	136
FWS	Rsrc	0	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	0	3	3
NPS	Rsrc	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Pers	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	32
NWS	Rsrc	0	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	0	1	1
OES	Rsrc	0	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	0	1	1
PRI	Rsrc	0	3	0	0	4	3	2	0	0	3	3	0	7	4		
	Pers	0	60	0	0	20	36	10	0	0	9	7	0	7	4	6	159
ST	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		
	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	71	75
52. Total Resources		1	5	1	4	4	3	2	1	4	6	3	2	7	5		490

53. 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.