Incident: **SQF COMPLEX** 

1. Incident Name:  SQF COMPLEX  2. Incident Number:  CA-SQF-002622										
3. Report Version (checone box): Initial X Update Final	k 4. Incident Organization	Commander(s) & Agen n: ike Minton, CIIMT 2 rada, CAL FIRE Tula	Org.	ncident Manageme anization: Type 1 Team Unified Command	nt 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"):  156435 Acres	Contained or Completed: <b>65 %</b> b. Total	9. Incident Type: Complex B. Incident Description Wildfire C. Cause: Unknown D. Fire Suppression St Strategy Monitor Confine Point Zone Protection Full Suppression		Single X Complex	11. Report Time Period: l: From Date/Time: 10/03/2020 1800 PDT To Date/Time: 10/04/2020 0545 PDT					
12. Prepared By: Print Name: John Mosley  Date/Time Prepared: 10/04/2020 0545 PDT Signature:  14. Date/Time Submitted: 15. Primary Location, Organization, or Agency Sent To: CA-OSCC										
16. State: CA 19. Unit or Other:	17. County / P Tulare  O. Incident Jurisd	Parish / Borough:	It Location Ov	vnership (if differer	18. City:					
22. Latitude/Longitude: Latitude: <b>36º 15' 18</b> Longitude: <b>118º 29'</b>		CA-SQF  23. US National Grid Re Grid Zone: x-Coordinate: y-Coordinate:		24. Legal Principa Townsh	l Description: al Meridian:					
25. Short Location or Ar 25 miles north of Ker		st all affected areas or	a reference p	point):	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 Beharterminology. For non-fir  Active Flanking Backing Spotting Narrative:	vior or Significant									

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Branch I: Smoldering, creeping, interior islands continue to burn.

Branch II: Smoldering, creeping.

Branch III: Active flanking, backing, and short range spotting in Division U. The fire has spotted north of the South Fork of the Kaweah River, and is actively flanking.

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.

#### Mandatory Evacuations Locations:

- -Alpine Village
- -Cedar Slope
- -Pyles Boys Camp
- -Redwood Drive
- Sequoia Crest

-East of Sequoia National Forest Boundary, from the intersection of Hwy 190 and Balch Park,

Bear Creek Road and

-Rancheria Fire Road

Upper Tule River Corridor: Mountain Aire, and

points between

### Voluntary Evacuation Warning:

- -Doyle Springs
- -Camp Nelson
- -Pierpoint
- -Coy Flat
- -Ponderosa
- -Silver City
- -Mineral King
- -Remainder of South Fork Drive
- -Residents on Blue Ridge Drive

#### **AREA CLOSURES:**

A. Structural Summary	B. # Threatened (up to 72 hrs)	C. # Damaged	D. # Destroyed
E. Single Residences	0	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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Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks Reopen-Mineral King/Wilderness Closures Remain in Effect

As evacuation warnings associated with SQF Complex fires have been lifted, both parks will be open. However, the Mineral King area and some wilderness areas remain closed.

Sequoia National Forest and Inyo National Forest

Balch Park (Tulare County), Mountain Home
Demonstration State Forest, Case Mountain
Extensive Recreation Management Area (BLM).
Case Mountain Recreational area remains closed
due to the Castle Fire threat.

#### ROAD CLOSURES

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

- -Mountain 50 & 107
- -Mountain 99 & Sherman Pass
- -Seguoia National Forest Closure
- -Sherman Pass & Cherry
- -South Fork Dr./Conley Bridge
- -Highway 190 at Rio Vista
- -Balch Park & Blue Ridge
- -Bear Creek & Rancheria Fire Rd.

31. Public Status Summary:			32. Responder Status Summary:						
C. Indicate the Number of Civil	<u>ians</u> (Publi	ic) Below:	C. Indicate the Number of <u>Responders</u> 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		
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	300 0		300	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) 300 0 300 Affected:		N. Total # Responders Affected:	17	0	17				

3. Life, Safety, and Health Status/Threat Remarks:	34. Life, Safety, and Health Threat	
	Management:	
outes of narrow mountain roads through rural, farming, and ranching		Active?
communities with limited visibility due to smoky conditions. Congested	A. No Likely Threat	
oadways and heavy traffic in and around the incident. Drought, bug kill,	7 ti ito zine., Timede	

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& 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):

Very poor humidity recovery was observed overnight. Rh values at most observing stations remained under 25 percent. Stations near 6000 feet, within the thermal belt, remained under 15%. Concerns for today are a continuation of the above normal temperatures and very low humidity. Light transport winds are also resulting in high concentrations of smoke. Over the next 3 to 5 days, temperatures are expected to trend lower as the High pressure system responsible for heat begins to weaken. In spite of the cooling it is expected to remain dry. A more significant change in the weather pattern is expected between Oct 10-12th, with the passage of a cold front. As these transitions takes place, higher wind speeds can be expected.

		Active?
	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	х
	K. Mass Immunization in Progress	
	L. Mass Immunization Complete	
	M. Quarantine in Progress	
	N. Area Restriction in Effect	
ı	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: Recent temperature increases and poor humidity recovery has resulted in increased fire behavior and activity in the northwest corner of the fire.
- There is potential for significant fire growth in the north, including the potential to threaten the communities of Three Rivers and the structures in the South Fork drainage.

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 Hwy 198 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: Possible threat to structures in the South Fork drainage. Wilderness values within the Sequoia

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**National Park.** 

Possible threat to structures in the South Fork drainage. Wilderness values within the Sequoia 24 hours:

**National Park.** 

Possible threat to structures in the South Fork drainage and the Three Rivers community. Wilderness 48 hours:

values within the Seguoia National Park.

72 hours: Same as 48 hour threats.

Anticipated after 72 hours: Same as 48 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

2 BCMG

2 ORDM

2 SOF2

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 continues to burn actively. Heavy vegetation 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 Seguoia groves, steep terrain, threats to structures, and other areas popular with tourism.

41. Planned Actions for Next Operational Period:

Identify containment opportunities in the northwest corner of the fire. Continue repopulation and suppression repair efforts.

- 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: \$79,455,386.00
- 46. Projected Final Incident Cost Estimate: \$100,000,000.00
- 47. Remarks (or continuation of any blocks above list block number in notation):

Block #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

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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	155,594	Acres	65	Percent	79,455,386	11/01/2020	
SHOTGUN	Full Suppression	841	Acres	0	Percent		10/10/2020	

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	ENG4	ENG5	ENG6	DOZR	WTDT	WTDS	MAST	SKID	50. Ovhd	51. Tot Pers
	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0		
BIA	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	4	0	0	0	4	14
D1.14	Rsrc	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0		
BLM	Pers	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	19	43
_	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	1	0	0	0		
C&L	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	2	0	0	0	2	29
	Rsrc	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CA	Pers	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	50
CA-CDF	Rsrc	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CA-CDF	Pers	34	32	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	109
FC	Rsrc	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		
FS	Pers	62	42	0	10	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	133	286
FWS	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0		
FWS	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
MEV	Rsrc	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
MEX	Pers	0	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98
NPS	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
NPS	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	26
NWG	Rsrc	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	1	1
OES	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		
UES	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	5
PRI	Rsrc	0	2	0	0	4	2	2	3	3	2	14	9	1	23	2	4		
PKI	Pers	0	40	0	0	11	36	17	9	9	6	41	10	2	23	2	6	8	220
ST	Rsrc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Pers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	21
52. Total Resources		5	11	1	6	4	2	2	24	3	2	30	10	6	23	2	4		912

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

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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.