



# FREDS INCIDENT

## Fire News Release # 4

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Type II Incident Management Team - Incident Commander – Linda Szczepanik

### Eldorado National Forest

Placerville and Pacific Ranger Districts

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**Today's Date:** Friday, October 15, 2004 8:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Kristi Schroeder – Information Officer

**Incident Fire Info:** Pacific Ranger District **Phone:** (530) 647-5415

**Start Date:** October 14, 2004

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Location:** North of Kyburz and Highway 50 between Wrights Lake road and Ice House road. South of Ice House Reservoir.

**Acreage:** 5,000 **Containment:** 30% **Expected Containment:** October 17 at 6:00 p.m.

**Fuel type:** Heavy timber, brush, and plantations.

**Committed Fire Resources:** 685 plus firefighters and overhead.

Engines: 61 Crews: 21 Helicopters: 2 Dozers: 8 Water Tenders: 12 Tankers:

**General Location:** The Incident Command Post/Fire Camp is located at Sunset Campground. Fire Information staff are currently working out of the Pacific Ranger District.

**Discussion:**

- Winds are returning to a normal pattern of a south southwestern direction. This should result in less fire activity. The fire is still south of Ice House Reservoir and east of Ice House road.
- Crews have made good progress. A priority today will be the line on the east flank of the fire by from Atherton Flat to Highway 50. Steep terrain has been a problem.
- Structure protection around the communities of Kyburz and Silver Fork will continue.
- **Road Closures:** Highway 50 at Pollock Pines (Sly Park exit) and Meyers. The road remains closed due to safety concerns (numerous snags). The road will re-open when the safety concerns are handled. Resources are working on falling the numerous unsafe trees and loose rocks and boulders. The highway is unlikely to re-open today.
- **Evacuation:** Kyburz and Silver Fork communities. Evacuation Center is at the Pollock Pines Community Center. 530-647-8005.
- Two pumphouses have been destroyed which are part of the Kyburz water system. No residences or commercial properties were burned.
- 2 injuries- a sprained ankle and knee.

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