



# FREDS INCIDENT

## Fire News Release #6

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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:** Saturday, October 16, 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. The fire is south of Ice House Reservoir and east of Ice House road.

**Acreage:** 7,700 **Containment:** 65% **Expected Containment:** October 17 at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Committed Fire Resources:** 1000 plus firefighters and overhead.

Engines: 79 Crews: 31 Helicopters: 7 Dozers: 16 Water Tenders: 17

#### Discussion:

- The incoming storm will result in increased winds. Firefighters will need to watch for spotting. The southwest wind is pushing the smoke into the Tahoe Basin area.
- Crews have made good progress burning out and securing the Highway 50 line. The emphasis today will be to strengthen and improve the lines especially on the east flank which is 2 miles east of Kyburz.
- **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 removing loose rocks and boulders that are in the road.
- **Evacuation:** Silver Fork community. Evacuation Center is at the Pollock Pines Community Center. 530-647-8005 and 530-647-1036. Kyburz residents were allowed to return home as of 4:00 p.m. on Friday. Permits to pass through the roadblock can be obtained from the El Dorado County Sheriff's office. Silver Fork residents are still not allowed in due to continued burnout operations in the Silver Fork area to re-enforce the fire line.
- Two pumphouses have been destroyed which are part of the Kyburz water system. No residences or commercial properties were burned.
- 3 injuries- a sprained ankle and knee.

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