



FREDS INCIDENT

Fire News Release #9

Type II Incident Management Team - Incident Commander – Linda Szczepanik

Eldorado National Forest

Placerville and Pacific Ranger Districts

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Today's Date: Sunday, October 17, 2004 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Kristi Schroeder – Information Officer

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

Note: This will be the last Freds Fire Update.

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:** 100% **Expected Containment:** October 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Fuel type: Heavy timber, brush, and plantations.

Committed Fire Resources: 95 firefighters. These will be domobilized in the morning.

Discussion:

- The fire has been transitioned to a Type 3 team from the Forest.
- Flash Flood Warning due to 1-2 inches of rain expected over the next 24 hours with up to 3 inches possible by Tuesday. Strong winds expected this afternoon. Several major drainages lead into the communities in the fire area that are filled with debris.
- **Evacuation:** As of 9 a.m. a Mandatory Evacuation is in effect for residents within the fire perimeter from Wrights Lake Road to Alder Creek on both sides of Highway 50. Advisory warning for residents outside of the perimeter. The Evacuation Center at the Pollock Pines Community Center has been re-opened. (530) 647-8005, (530) 647-1036.
- **Road Closures:** Highway 50 at Pollock Pines (Sly Park exit) and Meyers. The road remains closed due to safety concerns. Note: Snow levels are expected to drop as low as 5,000 feet. Morman Emigrant is not being plowed at this time. Other alternate routes are Highway 88 and Highway 80.
- Two pump houses have been destroyed which are part of the Kyburz water system. No residences or commercial properties were burned.
- 3 injuries- an eye injury, a sprained ankle and knee.

Cooperating Agencies: Forest Service, El Dorado County Fire, Cal. Dept. of Fish and Game, EDSO, Cal Trans, DOT, Animal Control, CHP, Red Cross, Noah's Wish, CDF

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