

POWER INCIDENT UPDATE

October 13, 2004
10:00 PM

Information: 209-295-5987

Strong North East/East winds pushed the Power Fire down the Mokelumne River Drainage this morning. The fire is now 4,600 acres in size with 10% containment. This was initiated by spotting over 2 miles over the top of the original fire. A 48 unit summer home tract at Bear River, Bear River lodge, Camp Winton Boy Scout Camp, and public campgrounds were evacuated. **Highway 88 is closed** at Omo Ranch Road and Mormon Emigrant Trail. The Northern California Incident Management Team II will remain to manage the incident for the Eldorado National Forest until the transition with McCombs National Type 1 team on 10/15/04.

Incident Size: The fire is 4600 acres

Containment: Currently 10% contained with full containment expected 10/23 at 6:00pm

Location: The Fire is located about 17 miles East of Pioneer, California on the North side of Salt Springs Reservoir

Resources committed: 22 hand crews, 5 helicopters, 2 air tankers, 54 engines, 6 dozers, 25 water tenders, 146 overhead, 5 camp crews.

Cause: Under Investigation

Current Situation:

- Emphasis will continue to be placed on structure protection
- Four injuries to date which include, severe sprain to an ankle and knee as well as a minor wrist sprain and Achilles tendon injury
- Highway 88 is closed with alternate routes at Omo Ranch Road and Mormon Emigrant Trail
- Base Fire Camp is currently located at Iron Mountain Ski Resort on Mormon Emigrant Trail and 88.

Fire Conditions:

The fire is located in extremely steep terrain with heavy fuel accumulations. Long distance spotting occurred with crown fire runs in heavy mixed conifer timberlands and plantations. The Relative Humidity remains very low 14-20% and a "Red Flag" warning will remain in effect through tomorrow at noon. The fire is actively burning on the ridge top South of Bear River Resort and East to Henley Canyon. The fire has also crossed Ellis Road onto Beaver Ridge. Crews are doing an excellent job.

For further fire information please call (209) 295-5987 or you can go the Eldorado National Forest website at: www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado click on current incidents.

