

Power Incident Update

October 14, 2004

8:15 PM

Information: 209-295-5987

Fire suppression efforts continue around the Power Fire in the Amador Ranger District of the Eldorado National Forest. Securing the anchor they have established at the end of the fire, north of the Salt Springs Reservoir, firefighters conducted burnout operations this afternoon. Preparations continue in the vicinity of the summer homes near Bear River, north of the fire, removing accumulated fuels in the area.

Road closures are in effect. Highway 88 is closed from Omo Ranch to Mormon Emigrant Trail due to heavy smoke. The road to the Bear River Reservoir is closed to all traffic for the safety of firefighters working along the road.

A burnout is the fire suppression action involving the burning of fuels from the fire line back to the active fire to starve the advancing fire for fuel. Preparations for burnouts continue in several locations around the fire. However, no burnouts are in progress at this time, other than that at the east end of the fire.

At present, the fire is being managed as a unified command between the Northern California Incident Management Team II and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The National Type I team, California Team 3, Richard McCombs Incident Commander, will assume responsibility for management of the fire at 6:00 AM on October 15, 2004.

Incident Size: The fire is 12,000 acres.

Containment: Currently 35% contained.

Location: The fire is located about 17 miles east of Pioneer, California, north of the North Fork of the Mokelumne River.

Resources: Crews: 25
Engines: 74
Water tenders: 26
Dozers: 19

Total Personnel: 1084

Aircraft: 7 Helicopters, 4 Air Tankers