



Power Fire Information Update

Eldorado National Forest
WEB SITE: www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado

October 17, 2004
9:00 a.m.

Fire Name: Power Fire **Date and Time of Fire Start:** October 6, 2004 2:17 p.m.

Location: Eldorado National Forest, East of Pioneer

Kind of Fuels: Mixed Conifer Timber

Cause: Under Investigation

Size: 16,800 acres

Weather Conditions: Weather conditions have changed significantly, with a winter storm moving into the fire area. Crews were unable to work last night due to unsafe conditions and limited visibility. Snow and rain today will prevent crews from being able to work safely. Some crews are being released from the incident, and others are being remobilized to stage at Amador County fairgrounds.

Fire Behavior: Fire behavior will be minimal today due to the winter storm conditions.

Agency Jurisdiction: This fire is being managed under a unified command with the U. S. Forest Service, Eldorado National Forest and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Information Phones: (209) 295-5987 and 295-5980 **7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (beginning Monday)

Agencies Involved: U.S. Forest Service, California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection, Amador County, El Dorado County, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Transportation, California Conservation Corps

Containment: 50 percent

Incident Commanders: Dick McCombs California Interagency Incident Management Team 3
Lee Winton California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Equipment and Personnel: Crews and equipment are being released from the incident or staged at Amador County Fairgrounds, for release as conditions allow.

Total Number of Personnel: 1,138

Threats: Flooding and mudslides are threatening roads and a Domestic water supply.

Structures Destroyed: None

Special Information: Starting today, updates will be provided once per day. California Highway Patrol and CalTrans have reopened Hwy. 88 to public traffic. **Please use extreme caution while traveling in the area, as road conditions and visibility can change quickly.** Also, several Forest roads within the fire area remain closed to public use. Contact El Dorado National Forest for more detailed information. **A community meeting will be held Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Elementary School to discuss the fire situation and fire/storm rehabilitation.**