



# Washburn Fire Incident Update – July 19, 2022

**Fire Information:** Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM  
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**Location:** Yosemite National Park, Mariposa Grove  
**Start Date:** July 7, 2022  
**Size:** 4,863 acres

**Percent Contained:** 58%  
**Cause:** Under Investigation  
**Number of Personnel Assigned:** 1,579

**Weather/Fire Conditions:** Firefighters continue to patrol and perform mop up operations along the western and south western portion of the fire. Patrol and mop up require our fire personnel to sift through the burned areas with hand tools in search of hot spots in order to extinguish them. This allows for residual smoke to dissipate as well as maintaining control of the containment line. Our crews continue to build and hold contingency line around Mount Raymond and hand crews dig hand line around Iron Creek drainage in hopes to gain containment on the eastern side of the incident. This fire area contains large amounts of both live and dead trees, high mortality from drought and associated beetle kill in 2016, as well as significant blow down producing heavy fuels from the winter's Mono Wind storm. Temperatures will reach the high 80's and relative humidity is predicted to be in the 25-28% range. Expect moderate smoke activity moving west due to the amount of heavy fuels burning in the eastern most percentage of the fire. Higher elevations will remain moderately clear while down drainage winds will provide for smoke accumulation in valleys. For a detailed look at smoke conditions:

[Washburn Fire Smoke Report](#)

**Wawona Repopulation:** The community of Wawona continues to be open ONLY to Wawona residents and property owners, with restrictions including specific time slots and escorts. Please read the Wawona repopulation [Frequently Asked Questions](#) .

**Closures:** Wawona, Wawona Road (Hwy 41) south of Yosemite West, and the Mariposa Grove are closed to the general public until further notice. The South Entrance remains closed. All other areas of Yosemite National Park are open. Use El Portal Rd (Hwy 140) or Big Oak Flat Rd. (Hwy 120 East) or Tioga Rd (Hwy 120 West) to enter Yosemite. Reservations are still required from 6:00 am – 4:00 pm; visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

**Yosemite National Park Fire Restrictions:** Starting July 16, fire restrictions are in effect below 8,000 feet of elevation and smoking is restricted park wide. The residences of Wawona, El Portal, and Foresta are on a strict fire restriction due to high potential fire danger. For more information please visit [Yosemite National Park Fire Restrictions](#)

**Sierra National Forest Washburn Fire Closure Order:** The Washburn Fire is highly active on the Sierra National Forest. The lands affected are just a small portion of the 1.3 million acre Sierra National Forest. To aid firefighters and protect public safety during the Washburn Fire, the Sierra National Forest has issued a **Washburn Fire Closure Forest Order**: This order is effective from July 15, 2022 through August 1, 2022. For a detailed description including a map, please view the following link: [Forest Order 05-15-00-22-15](#)

**Media Access:** Please send all media inquiries via our general phone line at (209)-819-7246 or via email to [2022.washburn@firenet.gov](mailto:2022.washburn@firenet.gov)

**Tip Line:** If you were at or near the Mariposa Grove on July 7, 2022, please contact the NPS Investigative Services Branch (ISB) **Call/Text** – (888)-653-0009 **Email-** [nps\\_isb@nps.gov](mailto:nps_isb@nps.gov) **Online:** [Submit a Tip](#)