

King Fire inching toward full containment

Update 7:15pm:

The King Fire is at 89 percent containment, with the help from 1 to 3 inches of precipitation in the last few days. Crews are continuing to hold the spread of the fire, with acreage burned at 97,099.

Now structures on White Meadows Road are being monitored for possible mud and debris flows. However, warmer and dryer weather conditions are expected to return this week. This means smoke and visible fire.

Where fuels remain thick in the Eldorado and Tahoe national forests there is still more that could burn, but officials say this should be within the fire perimeter.

Structures are still threatened, however evacuations have been lifted.

Several road closures remain in place including Mosquito Road from Wentworth Springs Road to Stope Drive, and Ice House Road at Highway 50. The Tahoe National Forest has issued a route closure that includes Mosquito Ridge Road, Forest Service Road 22, as well as Western States trail, and Tevis Cup trails. Eldorado National Forest is off-limits in the burn area.

While there are still more than 4,400 people working the fire, a substantial number of crews have headed home. Firefighters from as far away as Florida had been fighting this fire that was allegedly started by an arsonist Sept. 13 near Pollock Pines.

In the two weeks it has been burning six people have been injured, 12 houses lost and 68 other structures destroyed.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*