



Inyo National Forest

For Immediate Release  
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Fire Information:

760-282-4198

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<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6570/>

## Taboose Fire Update

Limited growth occurred along the western flank for a total of 10,293 acres burned with 65% containment. This area is expected to see a small degree of growth as it burns up in to the John Muir Wilderness. The rocky terrain is too dangerous for firefighters to work the ground, so crews will utilize these natural fire barriers in conjunction with constructed control lines to allow the western flank to burn out naturally. The area will benefit from moderate fire activity as it promotes a healthier landscape and wilderness ecology. As of 6:00pm yesterday evening the fire transitioned from the California Interagency Incident Management Team 11 to the Boise NIMO team. The NIMO team will continue the progress and successful strategies set in place by the CIIM team. Containment objectives remain the same as crews work to construct the remaining portion of handline at the southwest corner. The remainder of the perimeter will continue to be patrolled and rehabilitation plans will be implemented.

Weather conditions will prove favorable for firefighters today as conditions are expected to remain calm throughout the afternoon. Warmer temperatures and lower humidity mean there is still potential for fire growth, so crews will remain vigilant as they continue their progress today. Sunday may bring a shift in wind direction from the southwest. Firefighters will work to strengthen control lines that may be challenged by this wind event.

**\*\*\* NEW \*\*\***The Inyo National Forest has issued a **Forest Closure for the Taboose Fire area** beginning today and lasting until further notice. Please respect the closure order, as it is put in place to protect the safety of the public and the firefighters. Wildfire compromises the integrity of trees, making them unpredictable hazards. Scorched soil, high winds, rain and snow can all cause trees to lose branches or fall without warning. This closure order has been implemented to allow firefighters the ability to work efficiently and navigate the fire line safely while also protecting the public from hazards in the area.

**Fire Resources:**

8 crews      8 engines      5 helicopters      1 dozer      4 water tenders      343 personnel

**Closures:**

Evacuation Orders

Evacuation Advisories

Baxter Ranch

Community of Aberdeen and Community of Birch Creek

Road Closures

Tinnemaha Road, Taboose Creek Road at Aberdeen, Birch Creek Road, McMurry Meadows Road, Goodale Road, and Goodale Creek Road

Campgrounds

Tinnemaha, Goodale Creek and Taboose Creek Campgrounds are currently closed.

Trail Closures

Red Lake, Birch Lake & Taboose Creek Trails.

Please respect these closures and avoid the nearby fire area for your own safety and that of the firefighters.

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