



Inyo National Forest

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Fire Information:

760-282-4198

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

Taboose Fire Update

As fire activity decreases, resources on the Taboose Fire are being scaled back to appropriately meet the needs of containment objectives. There was no growth overnight with total acres remaining at 10,293 with 65% containment. Suppression repair has been completed in the northern most division of the fire, crews are now focusing rehabilitation efforts on the eastern sections of line. Handline was completed in Division M, the most southern section and is tied into the natural barriers in the wilderness.

Another weather shift is expected today with ridgetop winds coming out of the southwest at 10-15 mph, with gusts up to 25 mph in the higher elevations by late afternoon. Frontal winds are likely to increase fire spread into the wilderness towards natural containment boundaries, burning away from infrastructure and communities. Due to the expected strong winds and the increased risk this poses to firefighter, firefighters will be staged on the line today. This will allow resources to be readily available in the event of new fire reports, while also keeping firefighters out of unnecessary risk.

Monday will see the potential for a north to northwest change in winds and gusts up to 30-40 mph possible above 8,000 feet, which has the potential to challenge control lines.

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 and soil, making them unpredictable hazards. 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.

Goodale, Taboose and Tinnemaha campgrounds are now open, but please be mindful of the forest closure order still in effect around the fire area.

Fire Resources:

7 crews 5 engines 5 helicopters 1 dozer 4 water tenders 269 personnel

Closures:

*****Updated*** Road Closures**

Tinnemaha Road, Taboose Creek Road (beyond the campground), Birch Creek Road, Goodale Road (beyond the campground), and Goodale Creek Road

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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