

# Arson suspect pleads not guilty

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PLACERVILLE – Arson suspect Wayne Allen Huntsman made his first court appearance today over allegations that he set the devastating King Fire near Pollock Pines and had a not guilty plea entered on his behalf.



Wayne Allen  
Huntsman

The 37-year-old suspect did not speak during the brief hearing, which was continued until Oct. 28. He spent part of the session looking at the floor

Huntsman is accused of setting the blaze last Saturday that has grown to nearly 120 square miles and has destroyed at least some structures in the area.

Officials say the fire is costing \$5 million a day to fight.

Huntsman is being held on \$10 million bail, and his arrest generated a wave of emotion among area residents.

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