

Full containment of King Fire expected Sat.

Even though the King Fire continues to burn, much of the focus is now on repairing roads, mop up and making sure the forest is safe so people will be able to recreate in it again.

The fire that started Sept. 13 is still at 97,099 acres, but is 92 percent contained. Full containment is expected by Oct. 4.

Crews are removing hazardous trees, chipping brush and getting roads safe for public travel. First priority for roads are: Wentworth Spring, White Meadows Road, Ice House Road, Eleven Pines Road and Mosquito Road.

The fire continues to burn within the containment lines. About 3,400 people are still on the scene, though personnel are being sent home on a daily basis.

An arsonist is accused of starting the blaze that has charred a large swath of the Eldorado National Forest and part of the Tahoe National Forest. The fire took out 12 houses and 68 other structures.

– Lake Tahoe News staff report