

King Fire 100% contained

After nearly a month, the King Fire east of Pollock Pines is 100 percent contained.

This means there is a ring around the fire, but it is still burning. People can expect to see smoke from the interior of the fire area until the area experiences significant rain or snow this winter. Most of the 97,717 acres burned are on the Eldorado National Forest, though part of the Tahoe National Forest also burned.

It started Sept. 13 by a man who remains in jail charged with arson. Twelve houses were destroyed and 68 outbuildings were lost.

A Burned Area Emergency Response Team is assessing the post-fire threats to life, safety, property, and critical natural and cultural resources on the national forest.

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