

NASA image: King Fire rages on in Eldorado National Forest

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The King Fire is an arson-caused fire that began on Sept. 13, 2014 and quickly spread, tripling in size overnight due to hot, dry conditions, large amounts of fuel, and winds. At present the fire is 82,018 acres in size and is 17% contained. Firefighters from as far away as Minnesota have come to help fight this enormous, costly [fire](#).

Provided by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center

This natural-color satellite image was collected by the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) aboard the Aqua satellite on Sept. 19, 2014. Actively burning areas, detected by MODIS's thermal bands, are outlined in red. Credit: Jeff Schmaltz, MODIS Rapid Response Team.

Evacuations of 2,819 people have occurred in the wake of the huge King Fire blazing out of control near the Eldorado National Forest. The King Fire is burning in steep terrain in the South Fork of the American River Canyon, Silver Creek Canyon, and the Rubicon Canyon, north of the community of Pollock Pines.

The fire has crossed into Placer County and burned onto the Tahoe National Forest north of the Eldorado National Forest. The anticipated spread is expected to be minimal on Sept. 22 due to thunderstorms that moved through the area overnight, bringing lightning and rain. The increased humidity will help to moderate the fire

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