

From the CAL FIRE Information Center, I'm Scott McLean with the CAL FIRE Report for Monday, September 23, 2019.

This last week 180 new wildfires started in California, of which 141 were within CAL FIRE's jurisdiction.

As you can see, we are close with the amount of fires we have had this year 4,314 compared to last year 4,682 but there is a huge difference in the acreage 39,605 this year to 627,330 in 2018.

Switching over to our statewide fire map, you can see that firefighters are currently battling 9 significant wildfires across the state, but only 2 of those fires are within CAL FIRE jurisdiction.

Let's take a closer look at the fire activity:

The Reservoir Fire started on September 21st and is burning in Santa Clara County is 128 acres and 70% contained.

Next we have the Lopez Fire that is burning in San Luis Obispo County is 220 acres and 20% contained, CAL FIRE is in Unified Command with the Los Padres National Forest.

The Baseline Fire burned last Friday in Placer County it is now 100% contained after scorching 604 acres of grasslands.

Heading south to Riverside County the Horseshoe fire started September 14th and was 100% contained on the 17th at 520 acres

The National forest service is still working on the Taboose fire in Inyo county, currently it has burned 10,296 acres and is now 70% contained

Let's take a look at this week's trend in weather. We are seeing slightly cooler temperatures across the state this week but that doesn't change the low humidity and gusty winds out there. What does that mean for California? Well, today is the first day of fall and even though we're starting to see those cooler temperatures it doesn't mean we're out of the woods when it comes to wildfires. Fire danger is still incredibly high during this time of year, as evidenced by the large amount of current Red Flag Warnings across California. Over 30 counties are affected by critical fire weather right now so this isn't the time to let your guard down. It may be hard to believe but fall has seen the most destructive and deadliest wildfires in California history. We can't stress it enough; you need to take those steps to stay prepared. Let's turn to Amy who will show you what to have ready in your go bag.

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Thank you, Amy. If you would like to know more about evacuating your home, please go to Ready for wildfire dot org.

That's the latest on the Fire Situation in California. I'm Scott McLean, Stay safe.