



## **PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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Caldor Burn Scar

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### **The Caldor Burn Area**

The National Forest Service is responsible for the burn out areas in their Federal Fire Response Area (FRA) Cal Fire is responsible for the burn out areas in their State Response Area (SRA)

Pioneer Fire Protection District Services 296 square miles of South El Dorado County. This includes 87000 acres of the FRA and CalFire SRA of PFPD.

Cal Fire has reduced their patrols (utilizing its normal station staffing) in the communities of Grizzly Flats, Somerset, Fairplay and Omo Ranch as the containment increases. Plus the Federal Fire Station has been lost due to the fire.

We understand the communities concern so we will be patrolling the areas of Grizzly Flats, Somerset, Fairplay and Omo Ranch for several days.

In addition, if we or someone calls in smoke or burning material inside the burn scare, PFPD and Cal Fire units will be dispatched to the area to check on the situation. If it warrants crews, will make access to the burning material and suppress/overhaul the material.

Who do you call? If you feel smoke or burning material is a threat to surviving vegetation or property (this includes structures) call 911 and report the situation. ECC/Dispatch will disseminate the information and respond accordingly.

What you will see for several weeks if not months: Down trees, stumps, roots and burn through vegetation is still smoldering or holding heat. As the sun rises, temperatures rise, RH lowers and the wind begins to blow. Some of these hot spots will increase and produce smoke and may create unburn products to burn.

We have experienced a few fires from trees that have been fallen by utilities or private contractors. These crews have suppression apparatus with them and will call 911 when a fire from their work occurs. Sometimes debris burns after they leave the premises. Please call 911 if you see this material burning. The dispatch center ECC will send an appropriate response to the call.

If you have questions please contact [admin@pioneerfire.org](mailto:admin@pioneerfire.org)