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Many hazardous snags leftover from the 2014 King Fire are being felled with fireline explosives to protect firefighters working in the Fork Fire area

Reduced Fork Fire Closure Area Now in Effect - Community Meeting at 6PM

PLACERVILLE, Calif. - A new, [reduced Fork Fire closure area](#) went into effect today which allows access to Hell Hole Reservoir and Loon Lake. Although the fire closure area was reduced, the fire is still not fully contained, and there is warmer and dryer weather in the forecast. Please use extra caution on the roads near the Fork Fire closure, as fire engines and other heavy equipment will also be in the area.

“Everyone still needs to be prepared for a possible increase in fire activity,” said Forest Supervisor Jeff Marsolais. “This time of year is when we get our most extreme wind events in California.”

Icehouse Road and Eleven Pines Road are open. The Rubicon Trail, a popular OHV route, is open for day use only with no overnight camping allowed. Wentworth Springs / El Dorado County Road 63 is closed from Ice House Road north to 14N05 road. A complete list of National Forest System roads and trails within the fire closure area can be found in [Forest Order 03-20-19](#). Being on one of listed roads or trails within the Fork Fire Closure Area is prohibited.

The Fork Fire area is very hazardous for both firefighters and the public. Fireline explosives are being used to fall standing dead trees leftover from the 2014 King Fire which threaten firefighter safety in the Fork Fire area.

An update on the Fork Fire will be provided at a virtual community meeting tonight at 6:00 PM on Facebook Live. You can access this live meeting on the Eldorado Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EldoradoNF. Questions can be e-mailed in advance to enfincident@gmail.com, and you can also submit questions online during the meeting.

For more information, call the Visitor Information line at 916-500-4712.

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Fork Fire Area, Road & Trail Closure Map

