



Monthly Newsletter

October

2021

The Tulare County RCD Board Meetings are open to the public and typically held on the second Wednesday of each month at noon.

[Tulare County RCD Website](#)

[Tulare County RCD Email](#)

October's meeting will be held on the 13th at noon in a socially-distanced meeting room located at:

Linda Loma Ranch
4912 S Santa Fe St
Visalia, CA 93292

[October 2021 RCD Agenda](#)

Joining the meeting via ZOOM is also an option and a link can be provided by emailing Teri.

teri@tularecountyr cd.com

RCPP CRISIS TO OPPORTUNITY

Sierra Nevada Tree Mortality

The RCD is providing technical assistance to private non-industrial forest landowners in the form of site visits, creation of forest management plans, and promoting participation in the NRCS EQIP funding through the RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program). This program is for land owners

whom are looking to reduce the fuel load on their property. The RCD will be assisting NRCS with these applications through early 2023.

Direct Line for your Tulare County RCPP assistance:

(559) 754-3155

RCPP Email



The RCPP Crisis to Opportunity: Sierra Nevada Tree Mortality program makes funding available for work within the 100-foot Defensible Space.



DRIVER/OPERATOR WANTED

Tulare County RCD Water Tender Driver/ Operator



Job description:

- Drive and operate a water tender on active fires.
- Water tender to support fire agency suppression efforts.
- Work shifts “may” be up to 24 hours per shift.

- Must follow instructions and be a self-starter.
- Mechanical ability a must.
- Commitment time for work may be extended, i.e. days, weeks or up to a month.
- Driver must provide their personal gear, i.e. change of clothes and toiletries.
- Applicant must provide their own lugged sole- 8 inch high lace up boots.

Qualifications for a driver would include:

- CDL class “A” or “B” license with “tanker” endorsement.
- Current Cal Fire and USFS “8-hour Safety Training” certificate.
- Fire experience preferable.

To apply contact:

Bob Puls

Project Manager

email: rvfire@ocsnet.net

phone: (559) 783-4148



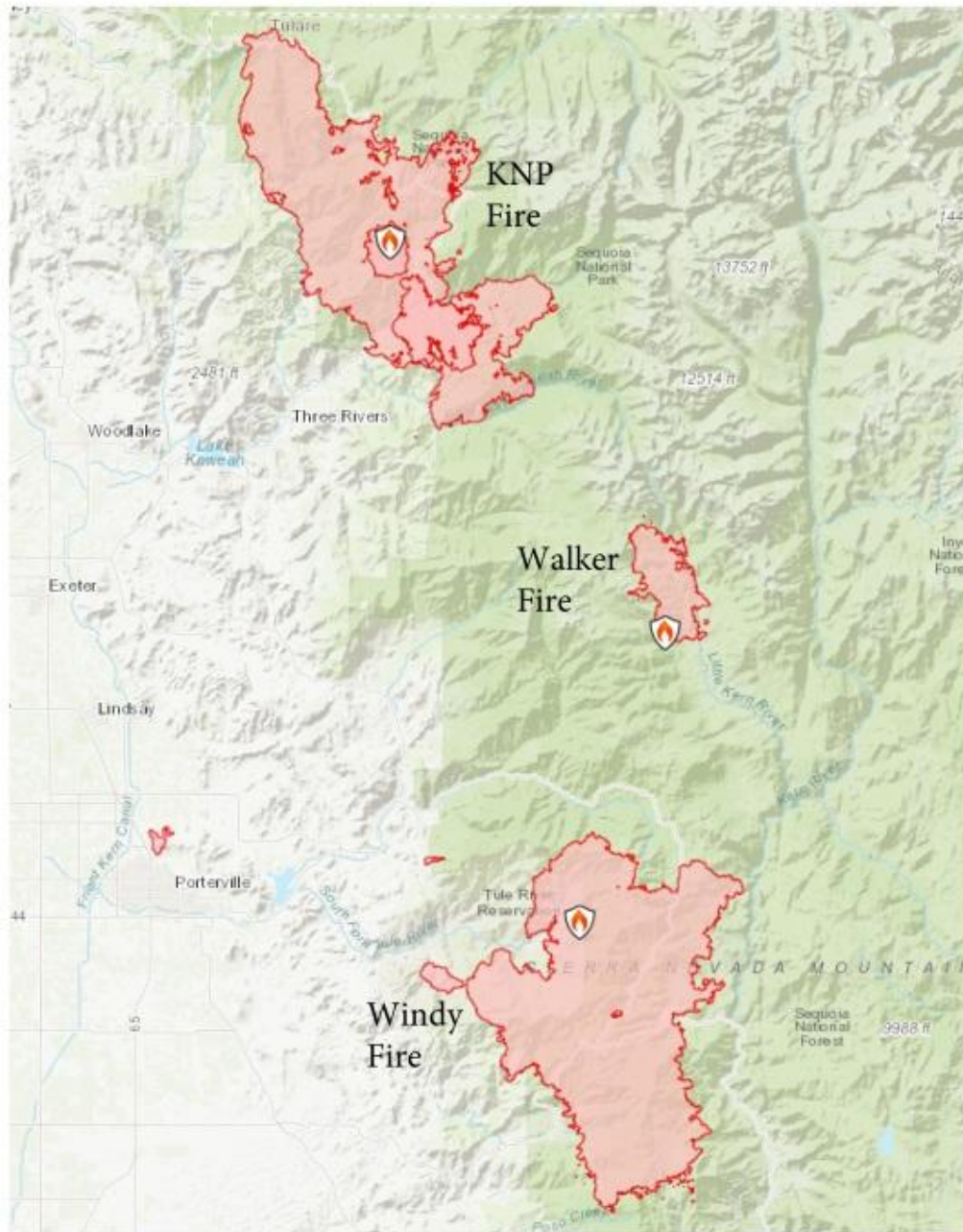
CURRENT WILDFIRES

2021 Fire Season

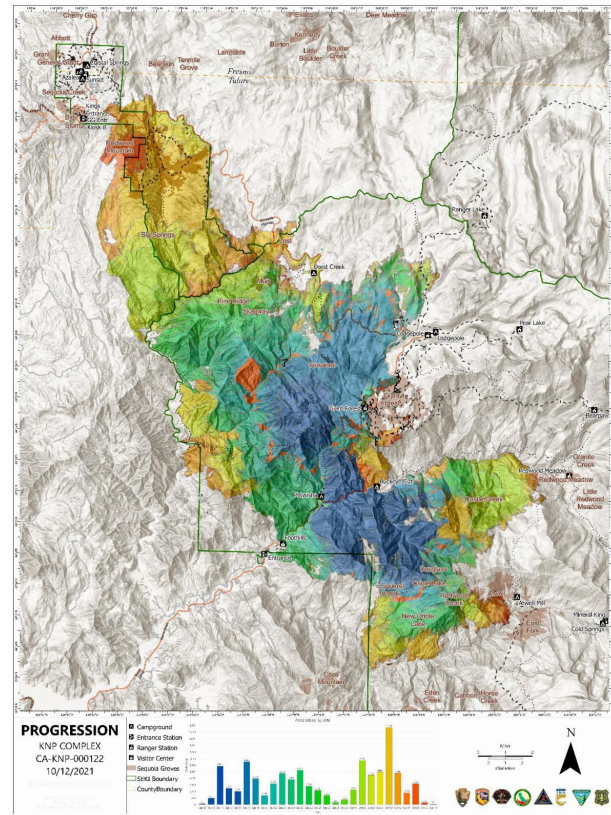


Cal Fire website has provided resources for tracking current fire conditions:

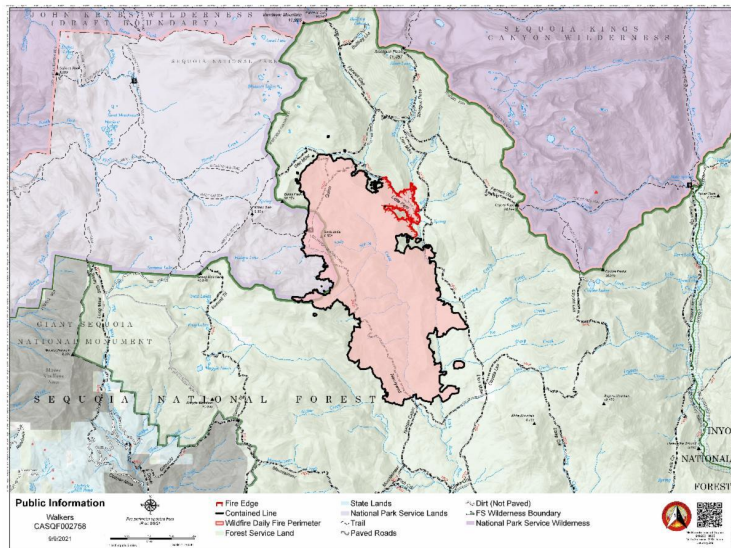
Cal Fire 2021 Fire Season Incidents



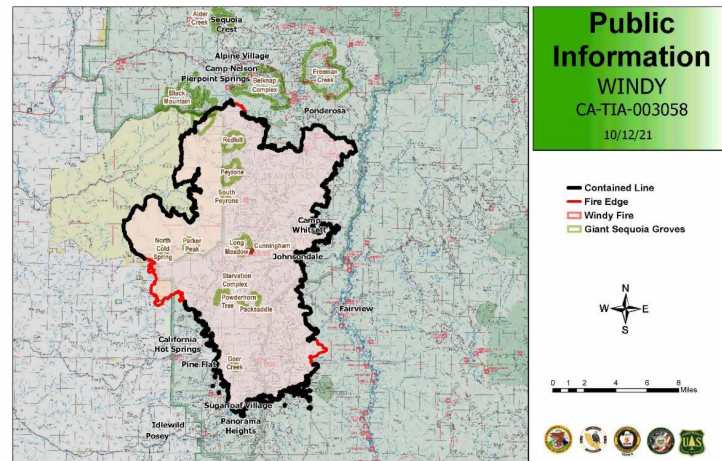
As of 3:00pm 10/12/2021 the **KNP Fire** was 87,467 acres in size and 30% contained.



As of 9/17/2021 the **Walker Fire** was recorded at 8,777 acres in size and was 99% contained.



As of 10:00am 10/12/2021 the **Windy Fire** was 97,554 acres in size and 88% contained.



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

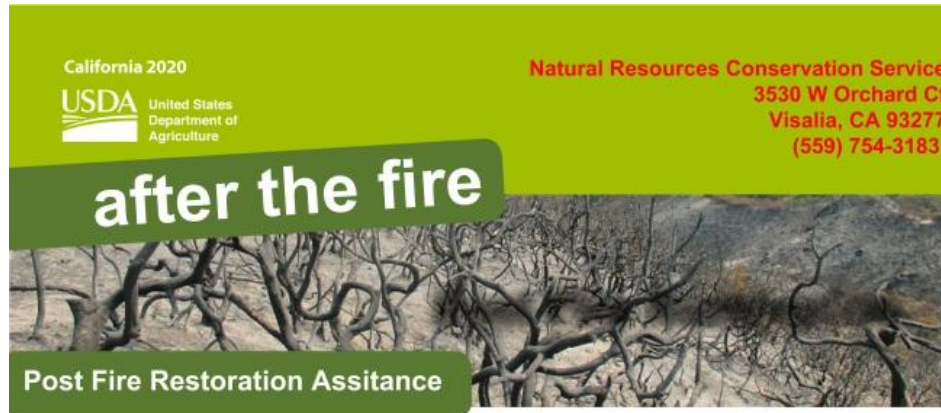
IN EFFECT: The local NRCS is providing



U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

free technical assistance to those affected by the SQF Complex Fire of 2020 and the KNP Complex Fire, Windy Fire and the Windy Fire of 2021.

Contact the Visalia Service Center to learn more:



NRCS is providing
FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
to protect life and property on
privately owned land that was
damaged due to the wildfires.
(Examples: debris flows, hillside erosion.)

For assistance with post-fire recovery contact your local NRCS office:

**NRCS Visalia Service Center
3530 W Orchard Ct
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 754-3183**

Fact Sheets Available at:
www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ca/newsroom/features/

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

NRCS Free Technical Assistance following wildfires.

Click the link above for any inquiries you'd like addressed via email.



Click the link below for a NRCS guidance of do's and don'ts following a wildfire on your property.

[After the Fire: Do's and Don'ts](#)

CURRENTLY HAPPENING

Tulare County RCD



Tulare County RCD currently is operating with common Covid precautions in effect. Monthly meetings are now open to the public in person and will also be available to attend by ZOOM. To receive the ZOOM link contact the RCD, we can be reached by phone and/or email:

(559) 622-0378

[Tulare County RCD Email](#)

NRCS Visalia Service Center



Your local NRCS Service Center has conducted business (with safety

precautions) throughout the entire pandemic.

Call the Visalia NRCS office to learn the latest protocol being used:

(559) 734-8732
