

Firefighters continue efforts to contain Rumsey Fire

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THIS STORY HAS BEEN UPDATED.

YOLO COUNTY – Firefighters continued working throughout the day on Tuesday to contain a wildfire along Highway 16.

The Rumsey Fire – as it had been dubbed – broke out on Highway 16 north of Guinda on Monday, as Lake County News has reported.

Cal Fire said three structures have so far been destroyed.

On Tuesday, the California Highway Patrols reported that Highway 16 at Highway 20 was expected to remain closed into Wednesday as the firefighting efforts continued.

Flareups and windy conditions had reportedly challenged firefighters in the second day of the fire.

Kevin Colburn, a fire specialist with Cal Fire, said a vehicle caused the fire, which was burning through rugged, steep terrain.

Cal Fire reported Tuesday that the fire had grown from about 350 acres the previous evening to 615 acres overnight, and was 40 percent contained.

Later in the day, it was reported that the fire had grown to about 650 acres, although Colburn said that the estimate issued earlier in the day was the most current Cal Fire had issued.

By Wednesday morning, the fire had grown to 716 acres and was 75 percent contained.

As many as 350 firefighters were on scene as of Monday, Colburn said.

Full containment is expected on Wednesday, Cal Fire reported.

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