



LAKE FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 08/28/2020 Time: 8:00 AM

Incident Website: inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/6953

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Location: Lake Hughes, 17 miles west of Lancaster CA

Acres Burned:	31,089	Structures Threatened:	1,329
Containment:	70%	Structures Destroyed:	12
Fire Started:	August 12, 2020 at 3:40 PM	Structures Damaged:	6
Cause:	Under Investigation	Outbuildings Destroyed:	21
Expected Containment:	September 12, 2020	Injuries:	4

Total Assigned Personnel: 707

Engines: 40 **Hand Crews:** 12 **Dozers:** 9 **Water Tenders:** 8 **Helicopters:** 6

Current Situation: Containment of the Lake Fire is continuing to hold at 70%. It has been burning in 100 year-old fuels consisting of Big Cone Douglas Fir, Oak, and Gray Pine. The fire is holding northeast of Interstate 5 and south of Highway 138 in steep and rugged terrain.

Crews completed the final section of handline in the northwest corner of the fire, with patrols looking for heat near the fire perimeter. Firefighters will continue monitoring these recently completed lines to ensure that they will hold and there is not a threat of escape. While great progress has been made in containing the Lake Fire, there is still much work to be completed after forward progress of the fire has been stopped. Approximately 139 miles of dozer line has been cut in efforts to contain the fire, and suppression repair has begun to help mitigate those effects and other suppression activities. Suppression repair includes road grading and erosion control measures, such as water bars, to reduce the impact and potential for mudslides and erosion. Additionally, unneeded suppression equipment such as hoses and portable water tanks are being removed from the fire area.

Forest Fire Closure/Restrictions: The Angeles National Forest has closed all National Forest System lands within the Lake Fire closure area by Order No. 05-01-20-6. On Saturday, August 1st, the Forest changed its Fire Danger Level from VERY HIGH to EXTREME. Angeles Forest Order No. 05-01-20-05 prohibits all campfires within the Angeles National Forest. No fires of any type including cooking stoves, lanterns, and similar devices which use propane, white gas, or similar fuels are allowed at this time. Please see Inciweb for a copy of the forest order here:

<https://inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/article/6953/53705/>

Weather: The dry southwesterly flow dominating the local weather patterns continues today and it will bring gusty winds again in the afternoon. Daytime temperatures are predicted to be 88-95 degrees, with humidity around 15-30%. Daytime winds are expected 5-15 mph with gusts up to 20-25 mph in the afternoon. For tonight, skies will be mostly clear with temperatures around 70-75 degrees, with humidity in the 40-50% range. Overnight winds are forecast to be 5-10 mph with gusts up to 15 mph.

Castaic Lake State Recreation Area: The following facilities are scheduled to reopen today and Sunday:

- Campground will Re-Open - Friday, August 28, 2020
- Main Ramp will Re-Open - Sunday, August 30, 2020

Areas to Remain Closed:

- Lagoon Launch Ramp
- Swim Beach
- West Ramp

The Castaic Lake Recreation Area and surrounding area continue being used in support of fire operations. Heavy equipment and emergency vehicles are still active along Lake Hughes Road.

Incident command is evaluating the potential for reopening these closed areas as soon as is feasible and safe for the public.

Smoke Outlook: Currently, there are no active smoke advisories from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Cooperating Agencies: Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department, County of Los Angeles Public Works, County of Los Angeles Parks & Recreation, and Southern California Edison.

Safety Message: The average person has 2.6 million sweat glands! These glands are activated when the brain determines that the body needs to be cooled down. Sweat evaporates off our skin which allows for heat loss and cooling. However, when we sweat, we also lose water and electrolytes (i.e., "salts" such as sodium, chloride, potassium). Drinking enough water and having enough electrolytes is necessary for our bodies to function properly. This is why it is so important to stay hydrated, as dehydration increases the risk for heat-related illness. For more information, please visit: <https://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2011/08/12/heat-2/>

Angeles National Forest: For information on the Angeles National Forest visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/angeles>

Wildfire Preparedness: Learn more about Los Angeles County Fire Department's Ready! Set! Go! Program at: www.fire.lacounty.gov/rsg

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