



LAKE FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 08/31/2020 Time: 7:00 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:	90%	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: 370

Engines: 26 **Hand Crews:** 3 **Dozers:** 2 **Water Tenders:** 1 **Helicopters:** 4

Current Situation: Containment of the Lake Fire has increased to 90% due to the good work of firefighters over the past 24 hours. 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.

Control lines have been completed all around the fire's perimeter. Firefighters are now patrolling the fire line to ensure that all lines continue to hold and that there is no heat near the fire's perimeter. Firefighters have been monitoring the fire area for pockets of isolated heat and smoke. When safe to do so, firefighters have gone into the interior of the fire area to fully extinguish those hot spots that may pose a threat of spotting and escaping over containment lines. Helicopters have also been assisting ground crews in extinguishing these hot spots with water bucket drops. Crews have been able to perform a significant amount of fire suppression repair around the fire; primarily focusing on blocking off public access to dozers lines, rehabilitating some of these lines and installing a large number of water bars to prevent against erosion. However, due to the elevated fire activity throughout California and the drawdown of resources, crews will not be able to fully complete fire suppression repair of the entire fire area at this time. The Angeles National Forest is prepared to aggressively complete full fire suppression repair of the area once resources become available. On Tuesday, September 1, 2020, California Interagency Incident Management Team 14 will transition command of the Lake Fire back to the Angeles National Forest.

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: Warm, dry and breezy conditions are expected today. Temperatures will climb into the 80s to low 90s, with afternoon humidity in the upper-teens and breezy southwest winds.

Castaic Lake State Recreation Area:

- Campground Re-Opened on Friday, August 28, 2020
- Main Ramp and Lagoon Launch Ramp will Re-Opened on Sunday, August 30, 2020

Areas to Remain Closed:

- Swim Beach
- West Ramp

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.

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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