



# LAKE FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 08/19/2020 Time: Evening

Incident Website: [inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/6953](http://inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/6953)

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**Location:** Lake Hughes, CA (Unincorporated Los Angeles County)

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| <b>Acres Burned:</b> | 26,213                       | <b>Structures Threatened:</b>  | 1,329 |
| <b>Containment:</b>  | 36%                          | <b>Structures Destroyed:</b>   | 12    |
| <b>Fire Started:</b> | August 12, 2020 at 3:38 p.m. | <b>Structures Damaged:</b>     | 6     |
| <b>Cause:</b>        | Under investigation          | <b>Outbuildings Destroyed:</b> | 21    |
|                      |                              | <b>Injuries:</b>               | 1     |

**Total Assigned Personnel:** 2,038

**Engines:** 213 **Hand Crews:** 27 **Dozers:** 41 **Water Tenders:** 22 **Helicopter:** 13

**Current Situation:** The Lake Fire was active today on the west flank in the areas of Atmore Meadows and Burnt Peak Canyon. Retardant drops were made by fixed wing aircraft to help slow the spread as the fire burned in steep and inaccessible terrain. Crews are also using tactical firing operations to help establish containment lines as conditions allow. Firefighters continue to be challenged with high temperatures, critically dry fuels and drought stressed trees.

Mandatory evacuations remain in place. The fire started in the Angeles National Forest near Lake Hughes. It is moving north and west burning in 100-year-old fuels consisting of Big Cone Douglas Fir, Oak and Gray Pine. The fire remains eight miles northeast of Interstate 5 and south of Highway 138.

Containment along the west flank of the fire will continue to be threatened by spot fires and long-range spotting. Long range spotting is a behavior of fire that produces sparks or embers which are carried by the wind causing fires out ahead of the main fire.

Firefighters continue to mop up in dense vegetation on the east flank of the fire, west of Lake Hughes. The fire line has held for several days in this area.

New information is available on the Angeles National Forest and Los Angeles County Fire Department Facebook, Instagram and twitter pages.

There has been one minor reportable injury to a firefighter.

**Weather:** An excessive heat warning for dangerously hot conditions along with high temperatures between 98' and 110' degrees is in effect until 9 p.m. tomorrow for the Santa Clarita, San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys. Very hot and critically dry conditions will remain as high pressure is anchored over the region. Overnight lows will drop into the upper 70's tonight along with west to northwest wind gusts of 25-30 mph after midnight.

**Evacuations:** Lake Hughes Road west of Pine Canyon and north of Dry Gulch Road. East of Ridge Route Road. West of Lake Hughes Road and Fire Station 78. North of Pine Canyon and Lake Hughes. Road. South of SR-138.

**Evacuation Point(s):** Evacuation points will be opened as needed. If you should need assistance, please call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767)

**Road Closures:** 3 Points Road from Hwy 138 to Pine Canyon, Old Ridge Route from Hwy 138 to Pine Canyon Road, Lake Hughes Road from Ridge Route Road to Pine Canyon Road, Pine Canyon Road from Ridge Route Road to Lake Hughes Road, Dry Gulch Road/San Francisquito Mtwy from San Francisquito Canyon Road to Lake Hughes Road.

**Additional Closures:** The Castaic Lake Recreation Area and surrounding areas are being used in support of fire operations. Both upper and lower lakes along with all recreation facilities are closed until further notice.

**Fire Forest Closure/Restrictions:** The Angeles National Forest has closed all National Forest System lands within the Lake Fire closure area by Order 05-01-20-6. The fire danger in the Angeles National Forest has continued to increase, and on Saturday, August 1st, the Forest changed its Fire Danger Level from VERY HIGH to EXTREME. The Angeles Forest Order No. 05-01-20-05 prohibits all campfires within the Angeles National Forest. The Angeles uses a 6 Level Fire Danger Rating System to determine fire restrictions which it adjusts throughout the year. 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.

**Animal Care:** Antelope Valley Fairgrounds (Large Animals Only) 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536

**Smoke Outlook:** The South Coast Air Quality Management District has issued an air quality advisory for the Lake and Ranch 2 Fires for San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties. If you are in area impacted by smoke, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter and avoiding vigorous physical activity.

**Cooperating Agencies:** County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, County of Los Angeles Public Works, County of Los Angeles Animal Care & Control, County of Los Angeles Parks & Recreation, Red Cross, and Southern California Edison.

**Safety Message:** Please use caution while driving as firefighters and equipment are working overnight in the area.

**About the forest:** The Angeles National Forest was established by Executive Order in December 1892. It covers about 700,000 acres and is the backyard playground to the huge metropolitan area of Los Angeles. The Angeles manages the watersheds within its boundaries to provide valuable water to southern California and to protect surrounding communities from catastrophic floods.

**Information on Preparing to Evacuate:** LA County Fire Department Ready Set Go at: [www.fire.lacounty.gov/rsg](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/rsg)

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