



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE
 Thursday, September 17, 2020
 8:00 AM

TODAY
Virtual Community Meeting Tonight at 6:30 PM

Last night an evacuation **warning** was issued for the residents in the unincorporated community of Juniper Hills. The evacuation warning was for the residents south of Fort Tejon Road, east of 96th Street East and south of Valyermo Road west of Bobs Gap Road.

In the south around the foothills communities the focus will be mopping up and improving the lines to secure the fire in this area. Around Mt. Wilson firefighters will continue to protect developments and push lines towards the north. In the northern portion of the fire work will continue on the dozer lines that were started last night, firefighters will be scouting for additional opportunities for both indirect and direct firelines north of Highway 2. On the east an effort will be made to secure lines between Highway 32 and the Ranch 2 Fire scar. This is the eighth day of setting records for fuel dryness and this is one of the factors that has been complicating control efforts. Tonight, there will be another virtual community meeting where fire management will provide an update on the Bobcat fire current situation. The meeting will be streamed through multiple platforms, including our cooperators' social media platforms. Information on where to watch the Bobcat Fire virtual community meeting will be posted on the Angeles National Forest Twitter, Facebook, and Bobcat Inciweb pages as well as our cooperators.

YESTERDAY

Last night the fire crossed Highway 2 by its junction with Highway 39 and it continued to push north in the Cooper Creek area. Dozers worked all night long constructing line across the northern Forest boundary to protect the desert communities. In the south the fire was quiet around the foothill communities and the protection of Mt. Wilson continued to be successful.

WEATHER

Today will be partly to mostly cloudy today. Temperatures will be in the 80s and 90s, with humidity in single digits and teens. Winds will be generally from the south and light but will increase in late afternoon. There will be higher humidities and lower temperatures this weekend.

EVACUATION ALERTS

Evacuation Orders: An Evacuation Order was issued for residences within the area north of Angeles Crest North and between Clear Creek Station and Hwy 39. A Red Cross Evacuation Center has been established at Santa Anita Park, located at **285 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA, 91007**. Residents are advised to enter through Gate 5. To reach Red Cross LA, call **1-800-675-5799**.

Evacuation Warnings: Residents north of Foothill Blvd. and east of Santa Anita Ave. remain under an evacuation warning. Evacuation Warnings remain in effect for the foothill communities of Monrovia, Bradbury, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Altadena, Duarte and Pasadena.

SUMMARY:

The Bobcat Fire started on September 6th at 12:21 PM. The fire is located near the Cogswell Dam and West Fork Day Use area. The fire is burning in heavy fuels with a rapid rate of spread.



INCIDENT STATISTICS

Location of Origin: Angeles National Forest, Azusa, CA
Start date: September 6, 2020
Size: Approximately 50,539 acres
Percent Contained: 3%
Cause: Under Investigation
Resources Assigned: 1,285 personnel
 Engines: 142
 Handcrews: 24
 Helicopters: 6
 Aircraft: 6
 Dozers: 8
 Water tenders: 4

CLOSURES:

- Road Closures:
- All roads leading into San Gabriel Canyon are closed.
 - Hwy 39 is closed north of Azusa to SR 2.
 - SR 2 is closed between Upper Tujunga Rd to Big Pines.
 - Upper Big Tujunga Road is closed between SR 2 and Angeles Forest Highway.
 - Chantry Flat Road is closed.
 - Mt Wilson Road is closed from SR 2 to Mt Wilson.

All 18 CA National Forests are under a Closure Order; this includes the Angeles National Forest. The closure has been extended to Sept. 21. The Forest is closed to all general activity, including developed campgrounds and day-use sites due to wildfire threat. Prohibition of the use of any ignition sources (campfires, gas stoves, etc.).

SAFETY:

A temporary flight restriction is in place over the fire area. Wildfires are a No Drone Zone. Visit Know Before You Fly: knowbeforeyoufly.org.

COOPERATORS:

- Los Angeles County Fire Dept.
- Los Angeles County OEM
- City of Monrovia
- City of Bradbury
- City of Sierra Madre
- Community of Altadena
- City of Duarte
- City of Pasadena
- City of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
- American Red Cross Los Angeles
- Disaster Management Area C & D
- Caltrans
- Los Angeles County Public Works

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