



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE

Saturday September 19, 2020

8:00 AM

TODAY

Yesterday the fire made significant wind-driven runs and impacted the communities of Juniper Hills, Valyermo, and Big Rock Springs. Numerous evacuation orders and warnings were issued. Today crews will focus on securing the fire's perimeter in the north in an effort to stop any additional spread, especially to the communities in the northeast and northwest. On the southern perimeter personnel also continue to mop up to the extent necessary to ensure there is no further impact to structures. On the west crews will continue to protect Mt. Wilson and Chilao. Along the Highway 39 corridor crews will be securing and mopping up where the strategic firing occurred yesterday. It is very important to be alert for any additional evacuation orders or warnings that might take place today due to forecasted gusty winds. For information on evacuations follow Los Angeles Sheriff's Twitter at @LASDHQ or <https://bit.ly/35Uy9Ld>

YESTERDAY

Yesterday the fire was very active due to the very windy conditions, the fire reached Juniper Hills and the adjacent communities, homes were threatened and impacted. A strategic firing operation occurred to establish a secure line between the Ranch 2 Fire scar and Highway 39. Elsewhere on the fire crews had success improving and securing lines.

WEATHER

Today temperatures will be slightly diminished with temperatures still in the 80's and 90's. Winds will continue to be very strong and forecasted with gusts of up to 25mph. Relative humidities continue to be in the teens and single digits.

EVACUATION ALERTS

Evacuation Orders (For more evacuation orders & alerts, visit: inciweb.nwcg.gov & search "Bobcat"):

- North of Angeles Crest North and between Clear Creek Station and Hwy 39..
- Including the area East of Devils Punch Bowl Rd, South of the Big Pines Hwy, North of the Big Rock Creek, and West of Jackson Lake.
- Aqueduct - South of Pearblossom Hwy (SR138), North of Big Pines, East of 165th and West of Largo Vista Rd
- Ward- North of Fort Tejon Rd, South of Avenue V, East of 87th E., West of 121 St E.
- Longview-South of Avenue 12, North of Aqueduct, West of 165 St E and East of 121 St E.
- Tejon - South of Fort Tejon Rd, North of Cooley Place, East of 89th St. E. and West of Longview Rd.
- Peach - North of Pallett Creek, South of W. 114th St., East of Longview Rd and West of 165th St.
- Cima Block - 96th east to 116th St. E/Fort Tejon Rd south to SR 2
- Juniper Block- 116th E to Devis Punchbowl Rd / Fort Tejon Rd to SR 2
- Punchbowl Block - Devils Punchbowl Rd to and including Fenner Camp
- Paradise Block - Fenner Camp to intersection of SR 2 and Big Pines
- Chilao, the CalTrans Yard, the 3 Points area and the Angeles Crest Christian Camp were all issued Evacuation Orders Crystal Lake area remains under Evacuation Order.

Evacuation Warnings:

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

A Red Cross Evacuation Center has been established at Palmdale High School, located at 2137 E Avenue R, Palmdale, 93550. The first evacuation point at Santa Anita Park is now closed and anyone still needing assistance can call **the Disaster Distress Hotline at 800-675-5799**. The Red Cross is committed to helping all those affected by the Bobcat Fire and evacuation orders.

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 91,017 acres

Percent Contained: 15%

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: 1,663 personnel
Engines: 215

Handcrews: 29

Helicopters: 6

Dozers: 16

Water tenders: 8

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 Big 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.
- New road closures are being established in the Juniper Hills area.

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

Inciweb: inciweb.nwcg.gov, search "bobcat"

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Fire Information Hotline: 626-574-5208 (8 am to 8 pm daily)

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