BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE

Saturday September 19, 2020
8:00 PM

TODAY

Today evacuation warnings were lifted for Arcadia, Sierra Madre, Monrovia, Duarte, and Bradbury. Progress was made on holding containment lines on the south end of the fire. Heavy fire activity took place to the north end of the fire where crews worked on constructing indirect line from the north east coming to the south, as well as the north west coming to the south. Dozerline is being constructed to cut the fire off, this work is starting at Camp Singing Pines heading north. On the east end, a slopover was picked up across the East Fork Bridge. Smoke from unburned islands in the East Fork Area were visible to surrounding communities. Along the Highway 39 corridor, crews continue securing and mopping up the area. Fire continues to progress to the northeast around Mt. Wilson, tonight crews will work to secure the area. Residents are urged to remain alert for any additional evacuation orders or warnings that may be issued. For information on evacuations follow **LA County Sheriff's Dept.** 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

Slightly cooler temperatures were observed across the fire today. Gusty southwestern/upcanyon winds prevailed through the afternoon. Wind speeds were gusting between 20 and 30 MPH in the windier spots.

EVACUATION ALERTS

Evacuation Orders:

- South of 138th St East, North of Big Pines Hwy & Hwy 2, West of 263rd East, East of Largo Vista Rd.
- North of Angeles Crest North and between Clear Creek Station and Hwy 39.
- East of Devils PunchBowl Rd, South of Big Pines Hwy, North of Big Rock Creek, & 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 Tejor 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.

For ongoing evacuation orders & alerts, visit: inciweb.nwcg.gov & search "Bobcat"

Evacuation Warnings:

Recent evacuation warnings include; South of Pearblossom Hwy, East and North of Angeles Forest Hwy, North and West of Mt. Emma Rd., East and South of Hwy 122, and West of Cheseboro Rd. Evacuation Warnings remain in effect for the communities of Wrightwood, Altadena and Pasadena.

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**. Antelope Valley Fairgrounds for large animals

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 93,842 acres
Percent Contained: 15%
Cause: Under Investigation
Resources Assigned: 1,686 personnel
Engines: 216
Handcrews: 25
Helicopters: 6
Dozers: 18
Water tenders: 10

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
California Highway Patrol
Los Angeles County Public Works

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