



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE

Sunday September 20, 2020

8:00 PM

TODAY

Today crews and equipment continued to build and strengthen lines to protect communities to the north of the fire. The fire continued to have active fire behavior near the San Gabriel Wilderness Area and made a push towards Highway 2. Fire crews used strategic firing to hold the lines. In the south a spot fire in Santa Anita Canyon near Chantry Flat spot was picked up early this afternoon. Crews successfully surrounded it with a hose lay and handline. The fire held west of Highway 39 from Crystal Lake to the San Gabriel Reservoir where crews will continue to monitor and hold containment lines. Previously installed containment lines on the south end held well and crews will continue to monitor for hotspots. The northern portion around Mt. Wilson remained active today where they will continue to use strategic firing and direct handline to protect infrastructure. This evening the area north of Mt Wilson picked up and made a run at Hwy 2, resources are in place. There will be a virtual community meeting tomorrow on our newly established Youtube channel (Bobcat Fire) <https://bit.ly/3iQy9zp> at 6:30pm.

YESTERDAY

Additional evacuations were ordered for residents in the Antelope Valley yesterday. Over the evening the fire did moderate some and work started on direct lines. Successful strategic firing occurred to secure the area around Mt. Wilson last night. Aside from Mt. Wilson, the fire remained quiet from Crystal Lake all the way around the south end back up to Highway 2.

WEATHER

Afternoon temperatures were about 2-4 degrees cooler than Saturday. Southerly winds, gusting to 30 MPH, prevailed at ridges while upcanyon winds, gusting to around 20 MPH, were observed at lower elevations. With these weather conditions, the fire was very active. For tonight and Monday, minor changes are anticipated.

EVACUATION ALERTS

Evacuation Orders:

- Residences along Angeles Crest Highway, between Angeles Forest Highway and Highway 39.
- The unincorporated areas of Juniper Hills, Devils Punch Bowl, and Paradise Springs.
- The unincorporated areas of Crystal Lake, East Fork of the San Gabriel River, and Camp Williams.
- South of Hwy 138, North of Big Rock Creek, East of 87th St East, and West of Largo Vista Rd.
- South of 138th St. East, North of Big Pine Hwy and Hwy 2, East of Largo Vista Rd., and West of 263rd St. East.
- South of Hwy 138, North of East Ave W-14, East of 155th St East, and West of 165th St. East. (Clear)

Evacuation Warnings:

- City of Pasadena
- Unincorporated communities of Altadena and Wrightwood.
- 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.
- South of Hwy 2, North of Blue Ridge Truck Trail, East of Hwy 39, and West of the Los Angeles Co. border.
- South of Ave U-8, North of East Ave W-14, East of 121st East, and West of 155th St East.
- South of Pearblossom Hwy (Hwy 138), South and East of Pearblossom Hwy (Hwy 122), North and West of Mt. Emma Rd., North and East of Angeles Forest Hwy, and West of Cheseboro Rd.
- South of Mt. Emma Rd., North of Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Rd., East of Angeles Forest Highway, and West of Pacifico Mountain.

For ongoing evacuation alerts, visit: LA County Sheriff's Dept. Twitter @LASHQ or inciweb.nwcg.gov.

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**. Accommodations for large animals is available at the **Antelope Valley Fairgrounds at 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536**.

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 103,135 acres

Percent Contained: 15%

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: 1,718 personnel

Engines: 227

Handcrews: 25

Helicopters: 6

Dozers: 18

Water tenders: 10

CLOSURES:

Road Closures:

- All roads leading into San Gabriel Canyon.
- Hwy 39 is closed north of Azusa to SR 2.
- SR 2 between Upper Big Tujunga Rd to Big Pines.
- Upper Big Tujunga Road between SR 2 and Angeles Forest Highway.
- Chantry Flat Road is closed.
- Mt Wilson Road from SR 2 to Mt Wilson.
- Fort Tejon / Valyermo Rd
- Valyermo Rd / Bob's Gap Rd
- Big Pines Hwy / Largo Vista Rd
- Big Pines Hwy / Mescal Creek Rd
- Big Pines Hwy / Hwy 2

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

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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