



# FIRE UPDATE

Wednesday, September 9, 2020  
10:00 am

## BOBCAT FIRE

### EVACUATION WARNING IN EFFECT FOR:

**MONROVIA, ARCADIA, PASADENA, SIERRA MADRE, ALTADENA, BRADBURY, DUARTE**

#### YESTERDAY:

Given the forecasted critical fire weather and red flag warnings for 9/8, fire behavior was relatively moderate, likely due to the hovering marine layer that settled in for most of the day. Fire was burning mostly on the interior and minimal flames could be seen on the mountain. Going into the evening hours, the marine layer lifted and the fire started making a push to the northeast and is approximately 1/2 mile from Hwy 39. It is estimated that several thousand acres were burned in the early hours of the morning and will be captured on the next infrared flight. As a precaution, patrols were combing the previously evacuated Angeles National Forest recreation areas, around the North San Gabriel Canyon.

#### TODAY:

The main priority of fire operations today will continue on the southern and eastern portions of the fire. The main objective today is to prepare and strengthen fire lines. Existing dozer lines will be reinforced with handcrews where equipment is not able to safely access the control lines. The fire will have three helicopters and one aircraft on standby—use of air operations will be questionable and based on visibility due to the dense smoke. Fire departments will be on patrol throughout communities conducting structure protection planning and triage efforts. Night operations will continue into the evening to monitor fire behavior and growth.

#### WEATHER:

Continued warm and dry conditions, with poor humidity recovery, coupled with the Santa Ana winds will allow for continued active burning today with erratic fire behavior. Red Flag Warnings are in effect until 8 pm tonight.

#### SUMMARY:

The Bobcat Fire started on September 6th at 12:21. 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. The fire is currently managed under Unified Command by the Angeles National Forest and the Los Angeles County Fire Department, City of Monrovia. A Los Angeles County Fire Department IMT and the Eastern Area IMT are managing the fire. Evacuation warnings are in effect for Monrovia, Arcadia, Bradbury, Sierra Madre, Altadena, Duarte and Pasadena. At this time, no Evacuation Orders in these communities have been issued—however, it's important to stay well-informed as this is an evolving incident.

#### INCIDENT STATISTICS

**Location of Origin:** Angeles National Forest, Azusa, CA

**Start date:** September 6, 2020

**Size:** Approximately 11,456 acres

**Percent Contained:** 0%

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Resources Assigned:** 401 personnel

- Engines: 33
- Handcrews: 9
- Helicopters: 1
- Aircraft: 3
- Dozers: 4
- Water tenders: 3

#### CLOSURES:

Road Closures:

- San Gabriel Canyon Rd (HWY 39) is closed at Old San Gabriel Canyon Rd.
- SR 2 (Angeles Crest Hwy.) is closed from 10.6 miles east of La Canada-Flintridge to Islip Saddle.

Angeles National Forest Closure: 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. For more information visit Know Before You Fly, <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.

#### COOPERATORS:

Los Angeles County Fire Dept.  
Arcadia Police/Fire Dept.  
Los Angeles County OEM  
City of Monrovia  
City of Bradbury  
City of Sierra Madre  
City of Arcadia  
City of Altadena  
City of Duarte  
City of Pasadena



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