



Bobcat Fire: October 4, 2020 Update

Public Information:
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8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily

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Incident Information: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7152/>

INCIDENT INFORMATION

UNIFIED COMMAND: Angeles National Forest, CIIMT 11

Start Date: 9/06/2020

Location: Angeles National Forest
Azusa, CA

Size: 115,548 acres

Percent containment: 84%

Cause: Under Investigation

ASSIGNED RESOURCES:

Hand Crews: 14

Helicopters: 13

Engines: 62

Dozers: 8

Water Tenders: 13

Total Personnel: 936

Injuries: 6

Structures Threatened: 6,000

Residence: Damaged 28 Destroyed 87

Other Str: Damaged 19 Destroyed 83

CURRENT CONDITIONS:

Overnight the fire activity was minimal with a few pockets of rollout that posed NO THREAT to the fire line. The Mt Wilson area continued to burn the dense internal fuel pocket in the Valley Forge and Falls Canyon areas. This interior island north of Mt. Wilson has been producing a large amount of smoke for the past few days and will continue to consume internal acres within the control fire lines. EXPECT MORE SMOKE TODAY. The containment line is not threatened with this internal burning. Fire crews are staged in this area to monitor for spotting. Moisture in the air may cause the smoke to lay low and smoke plumes near Mt Wilson may be more visible in the peak heat hours. Crews on other divisions of the fire will be patrolling and monitoring for adverse behavior and potential spotting. Firefighters will be doing mop up and patrol operations where any heat pockets may be smoldering within the containment lines.

Please note that the number of residential and other structures damaged or destroyed may increase but are not a result of fire activity in the last week. The number of damaged and destroyed buildings may continue to rise as damage assessment teams continue to gather accurate data from properties spanning over 115,500+ acres.

WEATHER:

Temperatures will be a few degrees cooler but are still above average. Fuels continue to be very dry with low relative humidity recovery overnight. Winds are not expected to negatively affect the fire behavior today.

AFFECTED RESIDENTS:

For assistance, LA County residents can call 211 and make an appointment with the Local Assistance Center. The center is located Palmdale High School Assistance Center but due to Covid-19 safety concerns, walk-ins are not permitted. This center will be open until October 6th. Property tax relief, cleanup, repair and rebuilding information, mental health resources and help with replacing lost or damaged legal documents are all available at this Center. Please dial 2-1-1 to make your appointment.

The Red Cross Evacuation Centers at Palmdale High School and Santa Anita Park are now closed. Anyone still needing assistance can call the Disaster Distress Hotline at 800-675-5799.

EVACUATION ORDERS:

- Paradise Springs – South of Big Pines Highway, east of Devil’s Punchbowl, west of Largo Vista Road, and north of the forest.
- South and west of Upper Big Tujunga Canyon, east of Angeles Forest Highway, and north of Angeles Crest Highway.
- Residences along Angeles Crest Highway, between Angeles Forest Highway and Highway 39.

EVACUATION WARNINGS:

- South of Big Pines Highway, east of Largo Vista Road, west of 263rd Street E (County line), and north of the forest.
- South of Mount Emma Road, north of Upper Big Tujunga Canyon, east of Angeles Forest Highway, and west of Pacifico Mountain.
- East Fork Areas: Julius Klein Conservation Camp 19, Camp Williams, and the River Community.

ROAD CLOSURES:

- Big Santa Anita Rd (the Chantry road) is closed.
- Big Pines Highway is open but Big Rock Creek Rd remains closed.
- Highway 2 is closed from Big Pines to La Canada
- Angeles Forest Highway is closed from Aliso Canyon to Highway 2
- Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Rd is closed.
- Highway 39 is closed above Old San Gabriel Canyon Rd.

FOREST CLOSURE

The Angeles National Forest **Closure Order is in effect until October 8th for now**. 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.).