



# LAKE FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 08/26/2020 Time: Evening

Incident Website: [inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/6953](http://inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/6953)

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Location: Lake Hughes, 17 miles west of Lancaster CA

Acres Burned:	31,089	Structures Threatened:	1,329
Containment:	70%	Structures Destroyed:	12
Fire Started:	August 12, 2020 at 3:40 PM	Structures Damaged:	6
Cause:	Under Investigation	Outbuildings Destroyed:	21
Expected Containment:	September 12, 2020	Injuries:	4

Total Assigned Personnel: 1,043

Engines: 61 Hand Crews: 24 Dozers: 7 Water Tenders: 11 Helicopters: 10

This will be the last evening update until further notice, morning updates will continue to provide updates and information on the fire.

**Current Situation:** Containment of the Lake Fire held at 70% today. It has been burning in 100 year-old fuels consisting of Big Cone Douglas Fir, Oak, and Gray Pine. The fire is holding northeast of Interstate 5 and south of Highway 138 in steep and rugged terrain.

Crews have been patrolling and mopping up (looking for hotspots within containment lines) in the area of Redrock Mountain. Suppression equipment such as hoses and portable water tanks are being removed from the fire area. All secondary contingency line has been completed, and suppression repair is underway. Suppression repair activities include chipping vegetation cut for containment line improvement and adding water bars to prevent erosion on dozer lines. Small amounts of smoke from pockets of vegetation that continue to burn in the fire's interior continues to be visible, especially from Pine Mountain Road.

There have been four reportable injuries to firefighters on this incident.

**Forest Fire Closure/Restrictions:** The Angeles National Forest has closed all National Forest System lands within the Lake Fire closure area by Order No. 05-01-20-6. On Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Forest changed its Fire Danger Level from VERY HIGH to EXTREME. Angeles Forest Order No. 05-01-20-05 prohibits all campfires within the Angeles National Forest. No fires of any type including cooking stoves, lanterns, and similar devices which use propane, white gas, or similar fuels are allowed at this time. Please see Inciweb for a copy of the forest order here: <https://inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/article/6953/53705/>

**Weather:** The dry southwest flow that has prevailed over the last several days is predicted to shift to a westerly flow tomorrow. Temperatures tonight will be 70-75 degrees with humidity in the 50-60% range, and winds will be out of the west and northwest 5-10 mph with possible gusts up to 15 mph.

**Areas to Remain Closed:**

- Lower and Upper Lake Castaic
- Lake Castaic Recreation Areas

The Castaic Lake Recreation Area and surrounding areas are being used in support of fire operations. The upper and lower lakes and recreation facilities are closed until further notice. Heavy equipment and emergency vehicles are still active along Lake Hughes Road.

Incident command is evaluating the potential for reopening closed areas as soon as is feasible.

**Smoke Outlook:** Currently, there are no active smoke advisories from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

**Cooperating Agencies:** Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, County of Los Angeles Public Works, County of Los Angeles Parks & Recreation, and Southern California Edison.

**Safety Message:** Wildfires can occur anywhere and can destroy homes, businesses, infrastructure, natural resources, and agriculture. Learn how to protect yourself and your property, and the steps to take now so that you can act quickly when you, your home, or your business is in danger:

<https://rb.gy/k7z6fo>

**Angeles National Forest:** For information on the Angeles National Forest visit:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/angeles>

**Wildfire Preparedness:** Learn more about Los Angeles County Fire Department's Ready! Set! Go! Program at: [www.fire.lacounty.gov/rsg](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/rsg)

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