



LAKE FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 08/20/2020 Time: Evening

Incident Website: inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/6953

Incident Information Line: (323) 205-5263

Incident Media Line: (323) 347-4725



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Location: Lake Hughes, CA (Unincorporated Los Angeles County)

Acres Burned:	27,841	Structures Threatened:	1,329
Containment:	52%	Structures Destroyed:	12
Fire Started:	August 12, 2020 at 3:38 p.m.	Structures Damaged:	6
Cause:	Under investigation	Outbuildings Destroyed:	21
		Injuries:	1

Total Assigned Personnel: 1,843

Engines: 188 Hand Crews: 25 Dozers: 31 Water Tenders: 22 Helicopter: 13

Current Situation: The west flank of the Lake Fire was active today in the areas of Atmore Meadows and Burnt Peak Canyon. Dozers and hand crews made good progress constructing containment lines on the west edge of the fire in the areas of Burro Canyon and Cow Spring Canyon. Firefighters continue to be challenged by rugged terrain, high temperatures, critically dry fuels, and drought-stressed trees.

Crews are using tactical firing operations to help establish containment lines as conditions allow. This is an effective tool to reduce vegetation (fuel) to establish and reinforce containment lines.

Firefighters continue to mop up on the east flank of the fire, west of Lake Hughes. The fire line has held for several days in this area. Unified commanders are evaluating all evacuated areas for the potential to safely repopulate. Mandatory evacuations remain in place.

The fire started in the Angeles National Forest near Lake Hughes. It is moving north and west burning in 100-year-old fuels consisting of Big Cone Douglas Fir, Oak and Gray Pine. The fire remains eight miles northeast of Interstate 5 and south of Highway 138.

There has been one minor reportable injury to a firefighter.

Virtual Public Meeting: There is a planned virtual public meeting tomorrow evening, August 21st at 6:00 PM. This virtual meeting will be live-streamed on:

Angeles National Forest Facebook, @AngelesNationalForest

Los Angeles County Fire Department Facebook, @LACoFD

Los Angeles County Fire Department Instagram, @LACountyFD

Weather: An excessive heat warning for dangerously hot conditions along with high temperatures between 98' and 110' degrees is in effect until 9 p.m. this evening for the Santa Clarita, San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys. Winds are forecasted out of the west and northwest at 10-15 mph with gusts up to 20 mph at the higher elevations, becoming 5-10 mph with gusts up to 15 during the overnight hours.

Evacuations: Lake Hughes Road west of Pine Canyon and north of Dry Gulch Road. East of Ridge Route Road. West of Lake Hughes Road and Fire Station 78. North of Pine Canyon and Lake Hughes. Road. South of SR-138.

Evacuation Point(s): Evacuation points will be opened as needed. If you should need assistance, please call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767)

Road Closures: Three Points Road from Hwy 138 to Pine Canyon, Old Ridge Route from Hwy 138 to Pine Canyon Road, Lake Hughes Road from Ridge Route Road to Pine Canyon Road, Pine Canyon Road from Ridge Route Road to Lake Hughes Road, Dry Gulch Road/San Francisquito Mtwy from San Francisquito Canyon Road to Lake Hughes Road.

Additional Closures: The Castaic Lake Recreation Area and surrounding areas are being used in support of fire operations. Both upper and lower lakes along with all recreation facilities are closed until further notice.

Fire Forest Closure/Restrictions: The Angeles National Forest has closed all National Forest System lands within the Lake Fire closure area by Order 05-01-20-6. The fire danger in the Angeles National Forest has continued to increase, and on Saturday, August 1st, the Forest changed its Fire Danger Level from VERY HIGH to EXTREME. The Angeles Forest Order No. 05-01-20-05 prohibits all campfires within the Angeles National Forest. The Angeles uses a 6 Level Fire Danger Rating System to determine fire restrictions which it adjusts throughout the year. 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.

Animal Care: Antelope Valley Fairgrounds (Large Animals Only) 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536

Smoke Outlook: The South Coast Air Quality Management District has issued an air quality advisory for the Lake and Ranch 2 Fires for San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties. If you are in an area impacted by smoke, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter and avoid vigorous physical activity.

Cooperating Agencies: County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, County of Los Angeles Public Works, County of Los Angeles Animal Care & Control, County of Los Angeles Parks & Recreation, Red Cross, and Southern California Edison.

Safety Message: Beat the heat! Take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside. When possible reschedule strenuous activities for early morning or evening. Drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun, and check up on relatives and neighbors. Anyone overcome by heat should be moved to a cool and shaded location. Heat stroke is an emergency! Call 9-1-1.

Please use caution while driving as firefighters and equipment are working in the area today.

About the forest: The Angeles National Forest was established by Executive Order in December 1892. It covers about 700,000 acres and is the backyard playground to the huge metropolitan area of Los Angeles. The Angeles manages the watersheds within its boundaries to provide valuable water to southern California and to protect surrounding communities from catastrophic floods.

Information on Preparing to Evacuate: LA County Fire Department Ready Set Go at: www.fire.lacounty.gov/rsg

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