



FIRE UPDATE

Thursday, September 10, 2020
10:30 AM

BOBCAT FIRE

TODAY:

Overnight, fire crews saw heavy activity in the northeastern portion of the fire towards Crystal Lake. Winds pushed the fire east where it crossed Hwy 39, where fire crews were able to make good progress. Aside from fire growth in the northeast, fire behavior remained moderate with active runs and spotting. On the west side near the West Fork drainage, the fire is making its way into an old burn scar creating less intense fire behavior for fire crews. Fire operations will take advantage of favorable wind conditions to focus on protecting the foothill communities as those remain a priority. Today, fire management will transition to a Type 1 incident management team to allow greater access to additional fire and overhead resources. Local fire departments will continue to conduct structure protection planning and triage efforts within the foothill communities.

YESTERDAY:

Main objectives were to prepare and strengthen fire lines from completed dozer and handline work. As the day progressed and the dense smoke lifted, two air tankers, including a DC-10, were able to make several drops of fire retardant on the southwest portion of the fire to reinforce and strengthen previously applied fire lines. Several more resources arrived at the fire late in the day, including a sky crane helicopter and two more hotshot crews. The fire behavior was very active to extreme with long-range spotting, tree torching, and visible slope runs. Nighttime operations continued into the evening to monitor fire behavior and growth.

WEATHER:

Fire crews will take advantage of favorable weather conditions today as a Red Flag Warning for the area no longer remains in effect. Warm and dry conditions along with low humidity remain. A northeast wind flow is expected over the fire with gusts up to 20 mph predicted for the afternoon.

EVACUATIONS ALERTS:

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.

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. Along with California Team #1, the fire is currently managed under Unified Command by the Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and cooperating fire departments.

INCIDENT STATISTICS

Location of Origin: Angeles National Forest, Azusa, CA

Start date: September 6, 2020

Size: Approximately 23,890 acres

Percent Contained: 0%

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: 532 personnel

- Engines: 35
- Handcrews: 13
- Helicopters: 2
- Aircraft: 2
- 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.

All 18 California National Forests are under a Closure Order; this includes the Angeles National Forest. 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: <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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