



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE
 Monday, September 14, 2020
 8:00 AM

TODAY

Zoom Virtual Public Meeting tonight at 6:30 PM.

This morning the Bobcat Fire is at 36,366 acres and 6% containment. Crews today will be focused on strengthening and improving the fireline between the south end of the fire and the foothills communities. When possible, control lines will be established on the fire's edge and you can expect to see strategic firing operations as part of this effort. The fire has crossed to the west side of Santa Anita Canyon and is growing in the direction of Mt. Wilson and Mt. Harvard and continued line construction and strategic firing will be occurring in this area as well. On the north end the fire has reached Bear Creek and will continue to spread west along the crest. So far crews have been successful at picking up all spot fires that have crossed Highway 2 and will continue with these efforts. The fire is holding to the west side of Highway 39 and crews will continue to work at maintaining this perimeter. Tonight, fire management will host a virtual public meeting via Zoom at 6:30 PM. Representatives from the Bobcat Fire will be available to provide an update and respond to your questions. For the Zoom Meeting ID please visit the Angeles National Forest Twitter, Facebook or Bobcat InciWeb.

YESTERDAY

An evacuation order was issued for portions of Arcadia and Sierra Madre, but firefighters have been able to maintain lines and keep the fire out of the communities. The fire was active around Chantry Flat and in Santa Anita Canyon yesterday and moved westerly towards Mt. Wilson. Last night fire behavior moderated after approximately 200 AM. Overnight the fire continued to move primarily west towards Mt. Wilson and north towards Highway 2.

WEATHER

Warm and dry conditions across the fire today. Low humidities and less smoke will result in more active fire behavior today. A slight warming and drying trend will continue into the week.

EVACUATION ALERTS

Evacuation Orders: A mandatory evacuation order has been issued for all residents north of Elkins Ave. and east of Santa Anita Ave. in the City of Arcadia and portions of Sierra Madre. Residents are advised to evacuate the area using Santa Anita Ave. San Gabriel Canyon including Camp Williams remains under an Evacuation Order. A Red Cross Evacuation Center has been established at Santa Anita Park, located at 285 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA, 91007. Residents are advised to enter through Gate 5.

Evacuation Warnings: Residents north of Foothill Blvd. and east of Santa Anita Ave. remain under an evacuation warning. Evacuation Warnings remain in effect for the foothill communities of Monrovia, Bradbury, Sierra Madre, Altadena, Duarte and Pasadena.

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.



INCIDENT STATISTICS

Location of Origin: Angeles National Forest, Azusa, CA
Start date: September 6, 2020
Size: Approximately 36,336 acres
Percent Contained: 6%
Cause: Under Investigation
Resources Assigned: 888 personnel
 Engines: 78
 Handcrews: 17
 Helicopters: 5
 Aircraft: 4
 Dozers: 8
 Water tenders: 5

CLOSURES:

Road Closures:
 All Roads leading into San Gabriel Canyon are closed. Hwy 39 is closed north of Azusa to SR 2. SR 2 is closed between Upper Tujunga to big Pines Upper Big Tujungs Road is closed between SR 2 and Angeles Forest Highway. Chantry Flat Road is closed. Mt Wilson Road is closed from SR 2 to Mt Wilson



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, grills etc.).

SAFETY:

A temporary flight restriction is in place over the fire area. Wildfires are a No Drone Zone. Visit Know Before You Fly: knowbeforeyoufly.org.

COOPERATORS:

Los Angeles County Fire Dept.
 Los Angeles County OEM
 City of Monrovia
 City of Bradbury
 City of Sierra Madre
 City of Arcadia
 Community of Altadena
 City of Duarte
 City of Pasadena
 City of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
 American Red Cross Los Angeles Disaster Management Area C & D
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