



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE

Friday, September 25, 2020

8:00 PM

TODAY

The northern portion of the fire near Mt. Lewis remained active short runs and flare ups. Overnight crews will work to monitor this area to ensure it does not cross into Highway 2. To the north of Mt. Wilson, firefighters continued to add depth to the holding lines and monitoring internal heat islands. Firing operations may occur near Rock Creek Rd and the Manzanita Trail to strengthen dozer lines. In the north end, crews remain cold trailing and mop up around structures. On the eastern perimeter of the fire activity remains moderate, as well as Santa Anita Canyon to Mt. Wilson. Evacuation orders for Antelope Valley areas were lifted and changed to warnings, previously evacuated residents in these areas were able to return home. A moderate Santa Ana winds event is forecasted for early next week, fire crews will work to ensure priority areas remain ready. Repopulation efforts continue with help from Los Angeles County Occupancy support. For more information visit: <https://rb.gy/flykjl>.

TONIGHT

Crews will mop-up and patrol the perimeter of the fire, monitoring and extinguishing hot spots that may remain. Priority areas for tonight include Mt. Wilson to Highway 2, Dorr Canyon and Rock Creek Rd area where crews will continue to hold and monitor containment lines, ensuring the fire does not cross any lines in preparation for moderate Santa Ana winds expected early next week. Residents will continue to see smoke from burning islands will within the perimeters. Engines will remain available in the north for smoke checks near the communities.

WEATHER

Warm and very dry conditions occurred across the fire today with low humidity levels and temperatures into the 80s. By early next week, the region will see well above normal temperatures with critically low humidity. In addition, winds will shift to the east-northeast beginning Sunday, with the potential for a Santa Ana wind event.

EVACUATION ORDERS

- South of Highway Big Pines Highway, east of Devil’s Punchbowls, 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 Fort Tejon Road and E. Avenue W-14, east of 87th Street E., west of 165th Street E and Devil’s Punchbowl, and north of the forest and Big Pines Highway.
- South of Highway 138, east of 165th Street E., west of Largo Vista Road, and north of Big Pines Highway.
- South of Big Pines Highway, east of Largo Vista Road, west of 263rd Street E. (county line), and north of the forest.
- South of Highway 138, north of Weber Ranch Road, east of Cheseboro Road, and west of 87th Street E.
- South of Pearblossom Highway, south and east of Highway 122 (Sierra Hwy/Pearblossom), north and west of Mount Emma Road, west of Cheseboro Road, north and east of Angeles Forest Highway.
- South of Mt. Emma Rd., North of Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Rd., East of Angeles Forest Highway, and West of Pacifico Mountain
- East Fork Areas: Julius Klein Conservation Camp 19, Camp Williams, and the River Community.
- Unincorporated community of Wrightwood

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**.

SUMMARY

The Bobcat Fire started on September 6th at 12:21 PM. 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 113,986 acres

Percent Contained: 55%

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: 1,554 personnel

Engines: 147

Handcrews: 27

Helicopters: 15

Dozers: 21

Water tenders: 12

CLOSURES:

- All roads leading into San Gabriel Canyon.
- Angeles Forest Hwy, from Sierra Hwy to Angeles Crest Hwy
- Avenue V, from Fort Tejon Rd to 87th St East
- Avenue V-8, from Hwy 138 to 106th St East
- Big Pines Highway, from Largo Vista to Valyermo Rd
- Big Pines Hwy, from Intersection of Hwy 2 to to Valyermo Rd
- Big Rock Creek Rd, from Big Pines Hwy to 5 Miles South of Big Pines Hwy
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- Big Tujunga Canyon Road, from Vogel Flats to Angeles Forest Highway

For more road closures visit: go.usa.gov/xGptF

The Forest Service has extended its temporary Regional Forest Closure Order to Sept. 30th. Forests included in this closure are: Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, San Bernardino, Inyo, Sequoia, Sierra, Klamath, and Six Rivers. 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. 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
- 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
- Caltrans
- California Highway Patrol
- Los Angeles County Public Works
- Southern California Edison



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