



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE

Saturday, September 26, 2020

8:00 PM

TODAY

Personnel worked to build on existing containment lines, mop-up and monitor the perimeter of the fire before forecasted critical weather conditions take place early next week. Fire activity remained around the Mt. Lewis area where the fire has made its way down to the bottom of the drainage. Crews are looking at potential options to stop the forward rate of spread. Fire activity from Pinon Ridge to Dorr Canyon has moderated and crews will remain to patrol and mop-up the area. Most of the northern end and eastern end of the fire near Highway 39 to the San Gabriel Dam of the fire has seen minimal fire activity. Crews continued to monitor the area for heat signatures. Heavy mop-up to the north of Mt. Wilson to Highway 2 continued today. Aircraft and crews continued to battle isolated heat remaining near Chilao. To the south end, from Monrovia Canyon to Santa Anita Canyon, fire crews saw little to no heat signatures during mop-up. A moderate Santa Ana wind event is forecasted for early next week. Fire crews will work to ensure priority areas remain ready. Today, LA County Sheriff's Department lifted evacuation warnings for selected areas in the Antelope Valley. Repopulation efforts continue with help from Los Angeles County Occupancy support. For more information visit: <https://rb.gy/flykil>.

TONIGHT

Crews will continue to actively monitor and patrol containment lines in preparation for a rise in forecasted temperatures and increased winds, resulting in critical fire weather conditions. Night resources will be placed around the Mt. Lewis area and southeastern perimeter of the fire to monitor and hold existing lines. Additional night resources will be available as they continue mop-up and cold trailing on the north end of the fire.

WEATHER

Warm and very dry conditions with low humidity remained across the fire today. Tomorrow, building high pressure will bring warmer and drier conditions, as well as a shift to northeast ridge-top winds. Santa Ana conditions will bring stronger east to northeast winds beginning early Monday morning and lasting through the afternoon. These gusty winds will combine with very low humidity to produce a period of critical fire weather conditions. As a result, A Fire Weather Watch is in effect on Monday for gusty Santa Ana winds and low relative humidity.

EVACUATION ORDERS:

- Paradise Springs – South of Big Pines Highway, east of Devil's Punchbowl, 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 Big Pines Highway, east of Largo Vista Road, west of 263rd Street E (County line), and north of the forest.
- South of Mount Emma Road, north of Upper Big Tujunga Canyon, 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.

Evacuation Warnings were lifted for the Littlerock area of the Antelope Valley as follows:

- South of Highway 138, north of Weber Ranch Road, east of Cheseboro Road, and west of 87th Street E.
- South of Highway 138, 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.

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 114,082 acres

Percent Contained: 63%

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: 1,427 personnel

Engines: 129

Handcrews: 24

Helicopters: 15

Dozers: 15

Water tenders: 14

CLOSURES:

- SR 2 between Angeles Forest Highway and a point 2.2 miles east of the junction with I210.
- SR 2 between Angeles Forest Highway to Big Pines.
- Angeles Forest Hwy, from Sierra Hwy to Angeles Crest Hwy.
- All roads leading into San Gabriel Canyon.
- Hwy 39 is closed north of Azusa (8.1 miles north of the junction with I10) to SR 2.
- Glendora Ridge Road, from Glendora Mountain Road to Mount Baldy Road.
- Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Rd, from Angeles Crest Hwy to Angeles Forest Hwy
- Chaney Trail, from Alzada Rd to Millard Canyon Campground
- Chantry Flats, Arno Drive to Forest Route 2N40

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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