



# BOBCAT FIRE

**FIRE UPDATE**  
Saturday, September 12, 2020  
9:00 PM

## TODAY:

Fire crews saw heavy fire activity in the north and south ends of the Bobcat Fire today. On the south end, the fire reached Santa Anita Canyon near Chantry Flat where fire activity will remain high overnight. Priorities remain to hold containment lines and protect the foothill communities as the fire continues to progress south. On the northeast end of the fire, near the intersection of Highway 2 and Highway 39, crews used strategic firing operations to keep the fire south of Hwy 2 and west of Hwy 39. Both the eastern and western ends of the fire remain moderated by the Ranch2 and Station Fire burn scars allowing for lesser fuel loads. This fire has mainly been driven by steep terrain and dry fuels, some of which have not seen fire activity in at least 60 years. As smoke lifted, aircraft operations were able to monitor growth and make water drops. Tonight, smoke and flame will remain visible to surrounding communities as fire activity remains in the south.

## YESTERDAY:

Crews worked actively all last night getting a foothold in southern end of the fire. Firefighters focused on protecting the communities at the south end of the fire where it is burning downhill as winds pushed the fire northeast yesterday. Two LA County Blackhawks arrived in the late evening as smoke lifted allowing for perimeter control in the southwest portion of the fire. Poor air quality due to smoke cover was experienced in the foothill communities and limited the use of aircraft. There was little fire movement on the west and east sides, with most of the fire growth occurring on the north and south ends.

## WEATHER:

The warm and dry conditions allowed the fire to remain active through the day. For tonight and Sunday, slightly warmer conditions are expected. Relative humidity will exhibit poor recovery tonight with minimum values in the teens on Sunday. Weak northeasterly/downcanyon winds are expected tonight with southwesterly/upcanyon winds on Sunday. For the first half of next week, only minor day-to-day changes are anticipated. The fire area is under a Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory. Abnormally dry fuels are leading to extreme fire behavior and rapid rates of spread.

## 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. An Evacuation Order has been issued for Camp Williams.

## 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 29,245 acres

**Percent Contained:** 6%

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Resources Assigned:** 813 personnel

- Engines: 72
- Handcrews: 18
- Helicopters: 5
- Aircraft: 4
- Dozers: 7
- Water tenders: 4

## 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 Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road to Big Pines.
- Glendora Ridge Road
- Glendora Mountain Road

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
- City of Los Angeles Fire Dept.

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