



LAKE FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 08/26/2020 Time: Morning

Incident Website: inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/6953

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Location: Lake Hughes, 17 miles west of Lancaster CA

Acres Burned:	31,089	Structures Threatened:	1,329
Containment:	70%	Structures Destroyed:	12
Fire Started:	August 12, 2020 at 3:40 PM	Structures Damaged:	6
Cause:	Under Investigation	Outbuildings Destroyed:	21
Expected Containment:	September 12, 2020	Injuries:	4

Total Assigned Personnel: 1,278

Engines: 59 Hand Crews: 24 Dozers: 20 Water Tenders: 9 Helicopters: 11

Current Situation: Containment of the Lake Fire held at 70% overnight. It has been burning in 100-year-old fuels consisting of Big Cone Douglas Fir, Oak, and Gray Pine. The fire is holding northeast of Interstate 5 and south of Highway 138 in steep and rugged terrain.

Crews have been patrolling and mopping up (looking for hotspots within containment lines) in the area of Redrock Mountain. Suppression equipment such as mobile retardant bases, hoses, and portable water tanks are being removed from the fire area. All secondary contingency line has been completed, and suppression repair is underway. Suppression repair activities include pulling brush back over handline and adding water bars to prevent erosion on dozer lines. Small amounts of smoke from pockets of vegetation that continue to burn in the fire's interior continues to be visible, especially from Pine Mountain Road.

There have been four reportable injuries to firefighters on this incident.

Weather: The dry southwest flow that has prevailed over the last several days will shift to a westerly flow on Thursday. Winds will continue to be gusty, especially in the afternoon. Temperatures today are forecast to be 86-94 degrees, with humidity in the 20-30% range.

Roads Reopened:

- Lake Hughes Road from Ridge Route Road to Deeswood Drive
- San Francisquito Canyon/Dry Gulch Roads to Lake Hughes Road

Areas to Remain Closed:

- Lower and Upper Lake Castaic
- Lake Castaic Recreation Areas

The Castaic Lake Recreation Area and surrounding areas are being used in support of fire operations. The upper and lower lakes and recreation facilities are closed until further notice. Heavy equipment and emergency vehicles are still active along Lake Hughes Road.

Forest Fire Closure/Restrictions: The Angeles National Forest has closed all National Forest System lands within the Lake Fire closure area by Order No. 05-01-20-6. On Saturday, August 1st, the Forest changed its Fire Danger Level from VERY HIGH to EXTREME. Angeles Forest Order No. 05-01-20-05 prohibits all campfires within the Angeles National Forest. No fires of any type including cooking stoves, lanterns, and similar devices which use propane, white gas, or similar fuels are allowed at this time. Please see Inciweb for a copy of the forest order here:

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/6953/53705/>

Smoke Outlook: Currently, there are no active smoke advisories from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Cooperating Agencies: Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department, County of Los Angeles Public Works, County of Los Angeles Parks & Recreation, and Southern California Edison.

Safety Message: One Less Spark - Proper vehicle use and maintenance will prevent wildfire. Motorists are responsible for many of the wildfires sparked along our roadways. Nearly all these fire starts could be prevented by following a few safety rules: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/vehicle-use/>

Angeles National Forest: For information on the Angeles National Forest visit:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/angeles>

Wildfire Preparedness: Learn more about Los Angeles County Fire Department's Ready! Set! Go! Program at: www.fire.lacounty.gov/rsg

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