



LAKE FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 08/29/2020 Time: 8:00 AM

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

Media and Information Line: (626) 574-5208

Incident Email: 2020.Lake@Firenet.gov



@Angeles_NF



@AngelesNationalForest

Location: Lake Hughes, 17 miles west of Lancaster CA

Acres Burned:	31,089	Structures Threatened:	1,329
Containment:	82%	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: 518

Engines: 36 **Hand Crews:** 8 **Dozers:** 6 **Water Tenders:** 6 **Helicopters:** 6

Current Situation: Containment of the Lake Fire has increased to 82%. 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.

As the weather becomes hotter and drier, firefighters will continue to patrol the fire perimeter, mitigate any hot spots, and ensure there is no threat of escape. While great progress has been made in containing the Lake Fire, there is still much work to be completed after forward progress of the fire has been stopped. Crews will continue fire suppression repair all around the fire area. Fire suppression repair is a rehabilitation process that seeks to repair the damage caused by fire suppression efforts and help the forest environment return to its natural condition. One example of this process is the rehabilitation of dozer lines. Crews have been working with excavators to rehab dozers lines by removing berms and scattering brush, timber and native materials to camouflage the line as well as act as a sediment trap to assist with erosion control. Firefighters are also removing unneeded suppression equipment from the fire area and have already removed approximately 50,000 feet of hose. Other equipment such as brass hose fittings, portable tanks, water pumps have been removed as well.

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.nwgc.gov/incident/article/6953/53705/>

Weather: Conditions continue to become hotter and drier. Temperatures today are forecasted to be 85-95 degrees with humidity in the 14-20% range. Winds will be out of the south and southwest 5-10 mph for the morning, with an increase to 12-18 mph after 11:00 AM. Expect gusts up to 30 mph.

For tonight, skies will be mostly clear with temperatures in the range of 53-59 degrees. Humidity is expected in the range of 43-49%, with west northwest winds 5-10 mph and gusts as high as 15 mph.

Castaic Lake State Recreation Area:

- Campground Re-Opened on Friday, August 28, 2020
- Main Ramp and Lagoon Launch Ramp will Re-Open tomorrow, August 30, 2020

Areas to Remain Closed:

- Swim Beach
- West Ramp

The Castaic Lake Recreation Area and surrounding area continue being used in support of fire operations. Heavy equipment and emergency vehicles are still active along Lake Hughes Road.

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

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

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

Media and Incident Information Line: (626) 574-5208 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM