



# LAKE FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 08/30/2020 Time: 7:00 AM

Incident Website: [inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/6953](http://inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/6953)

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**Location:** Lake Hughes, 17 miles west of Lancaster CA

<b>Acres Burned:</b>	31,089	<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	850
<b>Containment:</b>	87%	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	12
<b>Fire Started:</b>	August 12, 2020 at 3:40 PM	<b>Structures Damaged:</b>	6
<b>Cause:</b>	Under Investigation	<b>Outbuildings Destroyed:</b>	21
<b>Expected Containment:</b>	September 12, 2020	<b>Injuries:</b>	4

**Total Assigned Personnel:** 457

**Engines:** 36 **Hand Crews:** 5 **Dozers:** 8 **Water Tenders:** 4 **Helicopters:** 6

**Current Situation:** Due to the diligent work by firefighters, containment of the Lake Fire has increased to 87%. 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 control lines have been completed all around the fire's perimeter, firefighters continue to patrol the fire area, especially near the fire's edge to extinguish hot spots and ensure there is no threat of escape. Crews will continue fire suppression repair all around the fire area. This rehabilitation process seeks to repair the damage caused by fire suppression efforts and help the forest environment return to its natural condition. Hand crews and excavators have made great progress in rehabilitating and blocking off public access to dozers lines, as well as installing water bars to assist in preventing future erosion. Firefighters are also removing all unneeded suppression equipment from the fire area and have already removed approximately 70,000 feet of hose. This hose is brought back to base camp where it is rolled and placed back in service to be used on new incidents.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 are forecasted to be hot, dry and breezy today. Temperatures will climb into the 90s below 4000 feet, and breezy southwest winds will develop after the inversion breaks around 11:00 am.

For tonight, fair humidity recovery is forecasted with another round of hot, very dry, and breezy conditions expected for the start of the week.

**Castaic Lake State Recreation Area:**

- Campground Re-Opened on Friday, August 28, 2020
- Main Ramp and Lagoon Launch Ramp will Re-Open TODAY, 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 Sherriff'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](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/rsg)

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