



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE

Sunday, September 13, 2020
7:00 AM

INCIDENT STATISTICS

TODAY:

The fire continues to actively grow to the north and south, with keeping it out of the foothills communities as the top priority. Crews are constructing handline and dozerline where possible to stop the downhill progression. Indirect lines are being used where direct attack is not possible. As air conditions allow, helicopters are being used to support the ground forces. Elsewhere on the fire the focus will be on keeping it south of Highway 2 and west of Highway 39. Indirect dozerline continues to be constructed to keep the fire away from Mount Wilson and to herd it into the Station Fire scar, where there will be significantly reduced fire behavior. 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. Tonight, smoke and flame will remain visible to surrounding communities as fire activity remains in the south.

YESTERDAY:

Crews worked actively all last night on the southern end of the fire where it is burning downhill into the foothills community. Fire crews saw heavy fire activity in the north and south ends of the Bobcat Fire yesterday. On the south end, the fire reached Santa Anita Canyon near Chantry Flat and remained active overnight.

WEATHER:

Weather today will be similar to yesterday, being warm and dry, with low humidities and light winds. These conditions are expected to continue until at least mid-week. It is anticipated that smoke will lift earlier today resulting in increased fire activity. A Smoke Advisory has been issued for the fire area. 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.

Location of Origin: Angeles National Forest, Azusa, CA
Start date: September 6, 2020
Size: Approximately 31,991 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 Cyn Rd.
 SR 2 (Angeles Crest Hwy) is closed from Angeles Forest Hwy to Big Pines.
 Road to Big Pines.
 Glendora Ridge & Glendora Mountain Roads.

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, grills etc.).

SAFETY:

A temporary flight restriction is in place over the fire area. 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
 City of Arcadia
 Community of Altadena
 City of Duarte
 City of Pasadena
 City of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
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