



FIRE UPDATE

Thursday, September 10, 2020
8:00 PM

BOBCAT FIRE

TODAY:

Fire crews focused on maintaining protection on the south end of the Bobcat fire as winds pushed the fire northeast today. Two LA County Blackhawks are currently flying working perimeter control in the southwest portion of the fire. A containment of 6% was attained near the eastern edge of the fire where there is a burn scar from the recent Ranch2 Fire creating less intense fire behavior for fire crews. The northern portion of the fire has reached up into ridges near Angeles Crest Highway where retardant drops have been made. Steep terrain and dry fuels, some of which haven't burned in the last 60 years, will create challenges for crews. Fire crews will continue working on opening dozer lines and utilizing the road system to slow progression of the fire. Local fire departments will continue to conduct structure protection planning and triage efforts within the foothill communities. Similar to today, poor air quality due to smoke cover will continue into tomorrow.

YESTERDAY:

Main objectives were to prepare and strengthen fire lines from completed dozer and handline work. As the day progressed and the dense smoke lifted, two air tankers, including a DC-10, were able to make several drops of fire retardant on the southwest portion of the fire to reinforce and strengthen previously applied fire lines. Several more resources arrived at the fire late in the day, including a sky crane helicopter and two more hotshot crews. The fire behavior was very active to extreme with long-range spotting, tree torching, and visible slope runs. Nighttime operations continued into the evening to monitor fire behavior and growth.

WEATHER:

Continued warm and dry conditions with poor humidity recovery along the ridgetops will allow active burning and fire growth through the night. Another trend toward abnormally high temperatures is expected through the weekend.

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.

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 23,890 acres

Percent Contained: 6%

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: 540 personnel

- Engines: 50
- Handcrews: 10
- Helicopters: 1
- Aircraft: 2
- Dozers: 5
- Water tenders: 5

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 10.6 miles east of La Canada-Flintridge to Islip Saddle.

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



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