



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE
 Friday, September 11, 2020
 8:00 PM

TODAY:

Fire crews saw the most activity in the north and south ends of the fire. The priority remains to strengthen containment lines and halt forward progression of the fire as it makes its way south towards the foothill communities. Additionally, crews are trying to hold the fire north of Hwy 39, while monitoring for spot fires. Both western and eastern sections of the fire continue heading into previous fire scars, lessening the fuel intensity for crews. The recent Ranch 2 Fire, Fish Fire and the 2009 Station Fire are helping to slow fire progression, however the Bobcat Fire continues to burn north and east where there is no fire history in the last 80 years and in the San Gabriel Wilderness. Smoke hindered growth today by keeping temperatures down. Night operations will continue to patrol the perimeter of the fire across Angeles Crest Highway 2 and State Route 39, as priorities remain to keep infrastructure to the south safe and maintaining the fire to the south and west. Aviation resources arrived later in the day to assist with suppression efforts. Firefighter and overhead resources on this fire remain valuable due to the ongoing wildfires across the state.

YESTERDAY:

Firefighters reached a containment of 6% on the southeastern end of the fire as winds pushed the fire northeast yesterday. Two LA County Blackhawks in conjunction with Forest aviation resources worked the perimeter control in the southwest portion of the fire that will continue into today. Retardant drops were made in the north end as fire activity has mainly continued to grow in that area. Poor air quality due to smoke cover was experienced in the foothill communities.

WEATHER:

Continued warm and dry conditions with poor overnight humidity recovery along the ridgetops will allow active burning and fire growth through the night. Slight cooling is expected for the weekend however little change in daytime relative humidity in the teens and poor overnight recovery is forecasted to continue.

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 26,368 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:
- State Route 39 is closed at Old San Gabriel Canyon Road to State Route 2
 - State Route 2 (Angeles Crest Highway) from Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road to Big Pines; Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road; and Mt. Wilson Road.

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