



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE
 Monday, September 14, 2020
 8:00 PM

TODAY

The Bobcat Fire is now at 38,299 acres with 3% containment. The south end of the fire continues to be very active with flanking and spotting. The fire crossed a dozer line and is burning on the ridge line above the east side of Little Santa Anita Canyon. Air operations will continue making retardant drops to halt the forward rate of spread. Tonight, the priority will remain to protect the communities south of the fire by continuing strategic firing operations and utilizing fixed wing aircraft. Fire activity was heavy on the west side near Winter Creek and the Santa Anita Wash with the fire progressing ¾ of the way up to Mt. Wilson ridgeline. To the north, the fire continues to push up towards Hwy 2. Fire activity in Ranch2 and Fish fire burns scars saw little to no activity today. Tonight, fire management hosted a virtual public meeting via Zoom at where representatives from the Bobcat Fire and elected officials provided an update and responded to questions from the public, the meeting met an attendance cap early on and the meeting was recorded. To **watch the recorded meeting**, visit the Angeles National Forest Twitter, Facebook or Bobcat InciWeb.

YESTERDAY

An evacuation order was issued for portions of Arcadia and Sierra Madre, today firefighters worked to maintain containment lines and keep the fire out of communities to the south. The fire was active around Chantry Flat and in Santa Anita Canyon yesterday and moved west towards Mt. Wilson. Last night fire behavior moderated after approximately 2 AM. Overnight, the fire continued to move primarily west towards Mt. Wilson and north towards Highway 2.

WEATHER

Warm and dry conditions continued across the fire today. Afternoon temperatures climbed into the 80s to mid 90s. Relative humidity dropped down into the teens across most of the fire area. Southwestern ridgetop winds, gusting up to 20 MPH, were observed with typical up-canyon winds at lower elevations. With the warm and dry conditions, the fire remained active. For tonight and Tuesday, slightly warmer and drier conditions are expected.

EVACUATION ALERTS

Evacuation Orders: An evacuation order has been issued for all residents north of Elkins Ave. and east of Santa Anita Ave. in the City of Arcadia and portions of Sierra Madre. Residents are advised to evacuate the area using Santa Anita Ave. San Gabriel Canyon including Camp Williams remains under an Evacuation Order. A Red Cross Evacuation Center has been established at Santa Anita Park, located at 285 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA, 91007. Residents are advised to enter through Gate 5.

Evacuation Warnings: Residents north of Foothill Blvd. and east of Santa Anita Ave. remain under an evacuation warning. Evacuation Warnings remain in effect for the foothill communities of Monrovia, Bradbury, Sierra Madre, Altadena, Duarte and Pasadena.

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.



INCIDENT STATISTICS

- Location of Origin:** Angeles National Forest, Azusa, CA
- Start date:** September 6, 2020
- Size:** Approximately 38,299 acres
- Percent Contained:** 3%
- Cause:** Under Investigation
- Resources Assigned:** 1,091 personnel
 - Engines: 118
 - Handcrews: 19
 - Helicopters: 5
 - Aircraft: 4
 - Dozers: 8
 - Water tenders: 5

CLOSURES:

- Road Closures:
- All roads leading into San Gabriel Canyon are closed.
 - Hwy 39 is closed north of Azusa to SR 2.
 - SR 2 is closed between Upper Tujunga Rd to Big Pines.
 - Upper Big Tujunga Road is closed between SR 2 and Angeles Forest Highway.
 - Chantry Flat Road is closed.
 - Mt Wilson Road is closed from SR 2 to Mt Wilson.

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.
- American Red Cross Los Angeles Disaster Management Area C & D
- Caltrans

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