



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE

Friday, September 18, 2020

8:00 AM

TODAY

Evacuation orders have been issued for Juniper Hills, Devil’s Punchbowl, and Paradise Springs, including the area East of Devils Punch Bowl Rd, South of the Big Pines Hwy, North of the Big Rock Creek, and West of Jackson Lake. Today our primary focus will be to respond to and address the threats to the communities on the north end of the fire. A combination of air and ground resources will work at halting the fire’s forward progress while having structure protection in place. Around Mt. Wilson crews will continue to hold and improve the lines protecting the infrastructure why trying to keep the fire from spreading to the west around the mountain. On the east side firefighters will continue to patrol and pick up any spot fires and will look for opportunities to establish direct control lines to slow the fire’s spread. In the south crews will continue to mop up and strengthen line around the communities. A virtual community meeting was held last night where fire management provided an update on the Bobcat fire current situation. A recorded version of the meeting will be posted once closed-captioned on Facebook as well as through the LA County Fire Dept or City of Monrovia page and Bobcat Inciweb.

YESTERDAY

Yesterday the fire reached Juniper Hills and the adjacent communities, but fire activity moderated as it approached the lower slopes and valley floor. Large numbers of resources were shifted to respond to this threat. Efforts to protect Mt. Wilson continued to be successful. Overnight on the east the fire made a downhill push above the San Gabriel Reservoir. In the south the fire around the communities is now in heavy mop up and patrol status.

WEATHER

Today will remain warm and very dry. Winds will be from the southwest and will be at their strongest on the northern ridges in the late afternoon and evening. Gusts are potentially 20 to 30 MPH on ridge tops and 10 to 15 MPH in valleys. Humidity will increase Saturday.

EVACUATION ALERTS

Evacuation Orders:

- North of Angeles Crest North and between Clear Creek Station and Hwy 39.
- Juniper Hills.
- Devils Punchbowl.
- Paradise Springs.
- Including the area East of Devils Punch Bowl Rd, South of the Big Pines Hwy, North of the Big Rock Creek, and West of Jackson Lake.

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

A virtual 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. Additionally, an American Red Cross Temporary Evacuation Point (TEP) has been set up at Palmdale High School, located at **2137 E Avenue R, Palmdale, 93550**. To reach Red Cross LA, call **1-800-675-5799**.

SUMMARY:

The Bobcat Fire started on September 6th at 12:21 PM. 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 60,557 acres

Percent Contained: 15%

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: 1,300 personnel

Engines: 140

Handcrews: 22

Helicopters: 5

Dozers: 8

Water tenders: 4

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 Big 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.
- New road closures are being established in the Juniper Hills area..

All 18 CA National Forests are under a Closure Order; this includes the Angeles National Forest. The closure has been extended to Sept. 21. 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: knowbeforeyoufly.org.

COOPERATORS:

- Los Angeles County Fire Dept.
- Los Angeles County OEM
- City of Monrovia
- City of Bradbury
- City of Sierra Madre
- 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
- Los Angeles County Public Works

Inciweb: inciweb.nwcg.gov, search “bobcat”

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