



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE
Monday September 21, 2020
8:00 AM

TODAY

Virtual Public Meeting tonight at 6:30 PM. Today on the southern perimeter crews will continue securing line between Mt. Wilson and Highway 2. Defensive strategic firing operations may occur today to slow the growth of the fire. On the northern end of the fire’s perimeter towards Antelope Valley, firefighters are constructing both direct and indirect line to stop the fire from spreading to the east and west. Both hand and dozer line construction continues on the eastern and western flanks. Throughout the fire, additional work continues on holding and improving fireline. Please watch the public meeting tonight live on the Bobcat Fire YouTube Channel: bit.ly/3iQy9zp or steaming from the Los Angeles County Fire Facebook. Representatives from the fire will be on hand to answer questions. American Sign Language interpreters will be live-signing.

YESTERDAY

Yesterday afternoon the fire west of Mt. Wilson made a northerly push towards Highway 2, firefighters were able to keep this in check. The north end towards the Antelope Valley continued to grow to both the west and east. The fire remains relatively quiet along the Highway 39 corridor and along the south side.

WEATHER

We are in the middle of a cooling trend that will last through mid-week. Humidity today will be in the low teens, except on higher ridgetops, where it may reach single digits. This morning winds will be from the east and then switch around to the south to southeast in the afternoon. Wind gusts will be 20 to 30 mph on the ridge tops and less at lower elevations.

EVACUATION ALERTS

Evacuation Orders:

- Residences along Angeles Crest Highway, between Angeles Forest Highway and Highway 39.
- The unincorporated areas of Juniper Hills, Devils Punch Bowl, and Paradise Springs.
- The unincorporated areas of Crystal Lake, East Fork of the San Gabriel River, and Camp Williams.
- South of Hwy 138, North of Big Rock Creek, East of 87th St East, and West of Largo Vista Rd.
- South of 138th St. East, North of Big Pine Hwy and Hwy 2, East of Largo Vista Rd., and West of 263rd St. East.
- South of Hwy 138, North of East Ave W-14, East of 155th St East, and West of 165th St. East. (Clear)

Evacuation Warnings:

- City of Pasadena
- Unincorporated communities of Altadena and Wrightwood.
- South of Pearblossom Hwy, East and North of Angeles Forest Hwy, North and West of Mt. Emma Rd., East and South of Hwy 122, and West of Cheseboro Rd.
- South of Hwy 2, North of Blue Ridge Truck Trail, East of Hwy 39, and West of the Los Angeles Co. border.
- South of Ave U-8, North of East Ave W-14, East of 121st East, and West of 155th St East.
- South of Pearblossom Hwy (Hwy 138), South and East of Pearblossom Hwy (Hwy 122), North and West of Mt. Emma Rd., North and East of Angeles Forest Hwy, and West of Cheseboro Rd.
- South of Mt. Emma Rd., North of Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Rd., East of Angeles Forest Highway, and West of Pacifico Mountain.

For ongoing evacuation alerts, visit: LA County Sheriff’s Dept. Twitter @LASHQ or inciweb.nwcg.gov.

A Red Cross Evacuation Center has been established at **Palmdale High School**, located at **2137 E Avenue R, Palmdale, 93550**. The first evacuation point at Santa Anita Park is now closed and anyone still needing assistance can call the **Disaster Distress Hotline at 800-675-5799**. Accommodations for large animals is available at the **Antelope Valley Fairgrounds at 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536**.

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 105,345 acres
- Percent Contained:** 15%
- Cause:** Under Investigation
- Resources Assigned:** 1,718 personnel
- Engines: 227
- Handcrews: 25
- Helicopters: 6
- Dozers: 18
- Water tenders: 10

CLOSURES:

- Road Closures:**
 - All roads leading into San Gabriel Canyon.
 - Hwy 39 is closed north of Azusa to SR 2.
 - SR 2 between Upper Big Tujunga Rd to Big Pines.
 - Upper Big Tujunga Road between SR 2 and Angeles Forest Highway.
 - Chantry Flat Road is closed.
 - Mt Wilson Road from SR 2 to Mt Wilson.
 - Fort Tejon / Valeremo Rd
 - Valeremo Rd / Bob's Gap Rd
 - Big Pines Hwy / Largo Vista Rd
 - Big Pines Hwy / Mescal Creek Rd
 - Big Pines Hwy / Hwy 2

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](https://www.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
- California Highway Patrol
- Los Angeles County Public Works



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Fire Information Hotline: 626-574-5208 (8 am to 8 pm daily)
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