



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE
 Tuesday September 22, 2020
 8:00 PM

TONIGHT

Strategic Firing operations will continue into the evening from Mt Wilson down to the Redbox Road as favorable weather conditions allow. Structure engines will be in the desert foothills to continue monitoring and to respond to smoke checks in the communities. Much of the lower eastern through the southern perimeter remains in patrol status. Crews, engines and equipment continue to strengthen containment lines and mop up hot areas near the perimeter. In the northeast crews will be focused on keeping the fire in the existing footprint. A virtual community meeting was held yesterday the corrected closed-captioned version will replace the live version as it is finished. All of the fire updates and community meeting videos are available on the Bobcat fire youtube channel at: bit.ly/3iQy9zp.

TODAY

Today lower temperatures, higher humidities coupled with reduced winds reduced fire activity throughout the fire area. Conditions were not favorable for strategic firing for most of the day, but it did begin late in the shift north of Mt. Wilson. Crews and dozers were successful in building multiple sections of direct and indirect lines. On the northwest side of the fire indirect dozer line was completed into Antelope Valley and crews started scouting for opportunities for direct line. Crews continued to look for opportunities to construct fireline north from Highway 2 to the valley floor.

WEATHER

The weather tonight and on Wednesday will be warmer and drier than during the last couple of shifts. Thursday and Friday will be similar. On Saturday, a significant warming and drying trend will begin, with the possibility of gusty northeast winds.

EVACUATION ALERTS

Evacuation Orders:

- South and West of Upper Big Tujunga.
- East of Angeles Forest Hwy.
- North of Angeles Crest Hwy.
- 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.

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. (Longview)
 - 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. (Emma)
 - South of Mt. Emma Rd., North of Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Rd., East of Angeles Forest Highway, and West of Pacifico Mountain
 - Littlerock: East of Cheseboro Road, South of Pearblossom Hwy, North of Weber Ranch Rd, West of 87th St E.
- 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 112,053 acres
Percent Contained: 17%
Cause: Under Investigation
Resources Assigned: 1,556 personnel
 Engines: 187
 Handcrews: 19
 Helicopters: 11
 Dozers: 20
 Water tenders: 9

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 / Valyermo Rd
 - Valyermo Rd / Bob's Gap Rd
 - Big Pines Hwy / Largo Vista Rd
 - Big Pines Hwy / Mescal Creek Rd
 - Big Pines Hwy / Hwy 2

The Forest Service has extended its temporary Regional Forest Closure Order to Sept. 24th. Forests included in this closure are: Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, San Bernardino, Inyo, Sequoia, Sierra, Klamath, and Six Rivers. 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. 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
- California Highway Patrol
- Los Angeles County Public Works



Inciweb: inciweb.nwcg.gov, search "bobcat"

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

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