



# BOBCAT FIRE

**FIRE UPDATE**  
Wednesday September 23, 2020  
8:00 AM

## TODAY

Hard work by the firefighters over the incident has increased containment up to 38%. The focus today will be on the northeastern corner of the fire along Highway 2 and the valley floor. If crews determine that direct line is not feasible, they will be preparing for additional strategic firing along Highway 2 to stop fire movement northeast towards Wrightwood. On the northwestern corner of the fire crews will be constructing direct line south from Littlerock and north from Highway 2. North of Mt. Wilson firefighters will be working to strengthen the lines where strategic firing was completed last night. The foothills communities can expect to see smoke in this area today as the interior burns out and aerial ignition may be used to help this process along. The lower eastern through the southern perimeter remains in patrol status.

## YESTERDAY

Fire activity was reduced yesterday compared to the previous days and some critical work was accomplished. Strategic firing from Mt Wilson down to the Redbox Road and then east along Highway 2 back into the fire perimeter was completed last night. A significant portion of the fireline in the Antelope Valley was classified as contained as a result of the work that has been done in this area and crews continued to secure areas around structures. Indirect fireline has been completed for the northwestern edge of the fire.

## WEATHER

Today will be slightly warmer with humidity dropping into the teens. Winds will be lighter and out of the southwest to west today and shifting to the northwest tonight. 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 87<sup>th</sup> St East, and West of Largo Vista Rd.
- South of 138<sup>th</sup> St. East, North of Big Pine Hwy and Hwy 2, East of Largo Vista Rd., and West of 263<sup>rd</sup> St. East.
- South of Hwy 138, North of East Ave W-14, East of 155<sup>th</sup> St East, and West of 165<sup>th</sup> 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 87<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 113,307 acres

**Percent Contained:** 38%

**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. 24<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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
- Southern California Edison



Inciweb: [inciweb.nwcg.gov](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov), search "bobcat"

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