



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE

Friday September 25, 2020

8:00 AM

TODAY

Crews will continue to prep and add additional depth to secure lines north of Mt. Wilson and in the Northeast between Highway 2 and Big Rock Creek. These continued strategic firing operations are done to secure the fires perimeter from the fire making a run at the fire lines from unburned fuels within. Crew, engines, equipment and aircraft work in coordination to build holding lines, plumb the lines with water, and while firing aviation assets slow the movement of the main fire. West of Waterman Mt. Firefighters will continue to focus on strengthening the lines where the Mt. Wilson operation occurred. A focus of our efforts today and tomorrow will be securing the west side of the fire before winds shift to the northeast Sunday. Engines will be available for smoke checks near the communities. Repopulation efforts continue with help from Los Angeles County Occupancy support. For more information visit: <https://rb.gv/flykjl>.

YESTERDAY

Last night, crews continued to work on holding and improving containment lines while securing the perimeter of the fire for hot spots and mop up around structures. Crews using minimum impact suppression techniques (MIST) completed a portion of the line on the western perimeter. Fire activity remained near Mt. Waterman Ridge where crews worked on building direct handline

WEATHER

Today the weather will feature warm conditions with afternoon breezes and somewhat higher humidity. Tomorrow high pressure will move in and a significant warming and drying trend will begin that will feature near record temperatures and critically low humidity through the week. This trend will also feature breezy northeast winds.

EVACUATION ORDERS

- South of Fort Tejon Road and E. Avenue W-14, east of 87th Street E., west of 165th Street E, and north of the forest.
- South of Highway 138, east of 165th Street E., west of Largo Vista Road., and north of the forest.
- South and west of Upper Big Tujunga Canyon, east of Angeles Forest Highway, and North of Angeles Crest Highway
- Residences along Angeles Crest Highway, between Angeles Forest Highway and Highway 39.

EVACUATION WARNINGS

- North of Fort Tejon Road, east of 87th Street E., west of 121st Street E., and south of Avenue V.
- South of Highway 138, east of 121st Street E., west of 165th Street E., and north of Fort Tejon Road and E. Avenue W-14.
- South of Highway 138, east of Largo Vista Road, west of 263rd Street E. (county line), and north of the forest.
- South of Highway 138, north of Weber Ranch Road, east of Cheseboro Road, and west of 87th Street E.
- South of Pearblossom Highway, south and east of Highway 122 (Sierra Hwy/Pearblossom), north and west of Mount Emma Road, west of Cheseboro Road, north and east of Angeles Forest Highway.
- South of Mt. Emma Rd., North of Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Rd., East of Angeles Forest Highway, and West of Pacifico Mountain
- East Fork Areas: Julius Klein Conservation Camp 19, Camp Williams, and the River Community.
- The unincorporated community of Wrightwood

Evacuation Warnings were lifted completely for Altadena and Pasadena

The Red Cross Evacuation Centers at Palmdale High School and Santa Anita Park are now closed. Anyone still needing assistance can call the **Disaster Distress Hotline at 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 113,986 acres

Percent Contained: 55%

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: 1,575 personnel

Engines: 170

Handcrews: 25

Helicopters: 11

Dozers: 19

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 Angeles Forest Highway 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
- SR 2 between Angeles Forest Highway and La Canada/Flintridge

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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