



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE

Friday, September 18, 2020

8:00 PM

TODAY

Winds peaked at over 44 mph over the fire today. Numerous evacuation orders and warnings were issued today as the fire continued to make an aggressive push on the north, western and eastern edge. Fire resources worked diligently to slow the rate of spread into the front country of the desert. Structure protection remains in place for eminently threatened and impacted structures. On the east edge of the fire, strategic aerial firing was utilized to strengthen containment lines and slow eastern fire progression. Evacuation warnings were issued for the East Fork area. On the western edge near Chilao, dozers worked to pick up fire spread across Highway 2. Retardant was placed around Mt. Wilson as the fire spotted west and air resources helped strengthen lines and keep lines in check. In the southern edge, fire crews worked on locating remaining hotspots and holding the edge. A press conference regarding structure loss on the fire was held today. A recorded version of the meeting will be posted once closed-captioned on the Angeles National Forest Facebook, Twitter, or Bobcat Inciweb. For a recent evacuation orders and alerts, visit: inciweb.nwcg.gov and search "Bobcat".

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. 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

Strong and gusty southerly winds impacted the fire today. Wind gusts up to 40 MPH were reported in some spots, mainly across northern sections of the fire. Afternoon temperatures were very warm with low humidity. The combination of the winds, as well as the warm and dry conditions, allowed for very active fire behavior today.

EVACUATION ALERTS

Evacuation Orders (For more evacuation orders & alerts, visit: inciweb.nwcg.gov & search "Bobcat"):

- 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 communities of Wrightwood, Monrovia, Bradbury, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Altadena, Duarte and Pasadena. Residents north of Foothill Blvd. and east of Santa Anita Ave.

A virtual Red Cross Evacuation Center has been established at Santa Anita Park, located at **285 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA, 91007**. 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 72,757 acres

Percent Contained: 15%

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: 1,663 personnel

Engines: 215

Handcrews: 29

Helicopters: 6

Dozers: 16

Water tenders: 8

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.

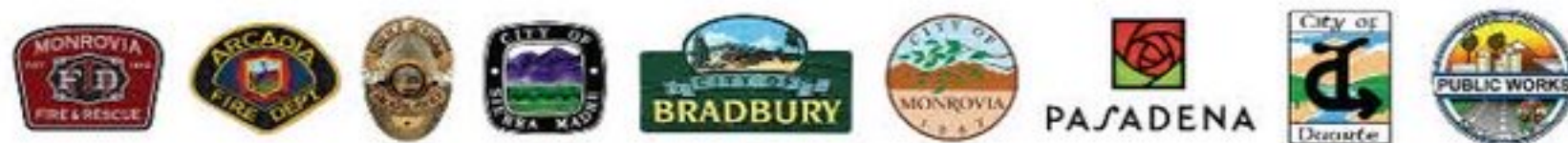
All 18 CA National Forests are under a Closure Order; this includes the Angeles National Forest. The closure has been extended to Sept. 21. The Forest is closed to all general activity, including developed campgrounds and day-use sites due to wildfire threat. Prohibition of the use of any ignition sources (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



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

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