Bobcat Fire: October 3, 2020 Update

Public Information: Angeles National Forest: Twitter: @Angeles_NF
Phone: 626-539-5291 www.fs.usda.gov/angeles Facebook: @angelesnationalforest
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZpUytPCW8VokBFYPrO6qYg
Incident Information: https://inciweb.nwcc.gov/incident/7152/

INCIDENT INFORMATION

UNIFIED COMMAND: Angeles National Forest, CIIMT 11
Start Date: 9/06/2020
Location: Angeles National Forest
Azusa, CA

Size: 114,963 acres
Percent containment: 84%
Cause: Under Investigation

ASSIGNED RESOURCES:
Hand Crews: 14 Engines: 62
Helicopters: 13 Dozers: 8

Water Tenders: 13 Total Personnel: 936
Injuries: 6

Structures Threatened: 6,000 Residence: Damaged 28 Destroyed 87
Other Str: Damaged 19 Destroyed 83

CURRENT CONDITIONS:

Today’s fire behavior is expected to mainly consist of smoldering where heat exists within
existing footprint. Most areas of the fire will consist of firefighters mopping up, patrolling and
improving containment lines.

An exception is an interior island northeast of Mt. Wilson. This area of the fire will continue to
consume approximately 300 internal acres well within the fire control lines. This is not a
prescribed burning operation but is a pocket of fire in difficult terrain that has been difficult for
firefighters to access. Firefighters expect this pocket to burn on its own through the day. Crews
are patrolling this area and monitoring for spotting and adverse behavior in the steep rugged
terrain in this area. Heavy smoke may be visible during peak heat hours as this internal island of
fuel burns.

Please note that the most recent numbers of residential and other structures damaged or
destroyed have increased in today’s update but are not a result of fire activity in the last 5 days.
The number of damaged and destroyed buildings may rise as damage assessment teams
continue to gather accurate data from properties spanning over 114,900+ acres.
AFFECTED RESIDENTS:
For assistance, LA County residents can call 211 and make an appointment with the Local Assistance Center. The center is located Palmdale High School Assistance Center but due to Covid-19 safety concerns, walk-ins are not permitted. This center will be open until October 6th. Property tax relief, cleanup, repair and rebuilding information, mental health resources and help with replacing lost or damaged legal documents are all available at this Center. Please dial 2-1-1 to make your appointment.

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.

EVACUATION ORDERS:
- Paradise Springs – South of Big Pines Highway, east of Devil’s Punchbowl, 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:
- South of Big Pines Highway, east of Largo Vista Road, west of 263rd Street E (County line), and north of the forest.
- South of Mount Emma Road, north of Upper Big Tujunga Canyon, east of Angeles Forest Highway, and west of Pacifico Mountain.
- East Fork Areas: Julius Klein Conservation Camp 19, Camp Williams, and the River Community.

ROAD CLOSURES:
- Big Santa Anita Rd (the Chantry road) is closed.
- Big Pines Highway is open but Big Rock Creek Rd remains closed.
- Highway 2 is closed from Big Pines to La Canada
- Angeles Forest Highway is closed from Aliso Canyon to Highway 2
- Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Rd is closed.
- Highway 39 is closed above Old San Gabriel Canyon Rd.

FOREST CLOSURE
The Angeles National Forest Closure Order is in effect until October 8th for now. 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.).