Bobcat Fire: September 30, 2020 Update

Public Information: Angeles National Forest:
Phone: (626) 574-5280
Twitter: @Angeles_NF
www.fs.usda.gov/angeles
Facebook: @angelesnationalforest
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily

Incident Information: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7152/

INCIDENT INFORMATION

UNIFIED COMMAND: Angeles National Forest, CIIMT 11

Start Date: 9/06/2020
Location: Angeles National Forest
Azusa, CA

Size: 114,202
Percent containment: 62%
Cause: Under Investigation

ASSIGNED RESOURCES:

Hand Crews: 19
Helicopters: 14
Engines: 72
Dozers: 9
Water Tenders: 10
Total Personnel: 992
Injuries: 6

Structures Threatened: 6,000
Residence: Damaged 28
Other Str: Damaged 19
Destroye 83
79

CURRENT CONDITIONS:

Today firefighters will continue to strengthen containment lines. On the northwestern portion of the fire, crews are working from Highway 2 to Little Rock Reservoir constructing handlines and mopping up. Patrols continue along the northern portion of the fire to make sure communities are secure and staying alert for any potential new activity. Heavy mop-up will continue northwest of Mount Wilson from Mt. Wilson Red Box Rd to Highway 2. In the northeast portion of the fire near Mount Waterman, mop up and patrol activities continue. The southern perimeter of the fire remains moderated and in patrol and mop-up status from Mt. Wilson around to Crystal Lake. On the south and east sides of the fire crews will begin the process of pulling hose and backhauling equipment. They will also begin suppression repair work on contingency lines.
**YESTERDAY**

There was minimal fire growth yesterday and last night. Fire crews focused on strengthening containment lines, monitoring areas for spot fires, and looking for opportunities to attack the fire directly. Heavy mop-up occurred in the Mount Wilson area from Mt. Wilson Red Box Rd to Highway 2. Crews continued to monitor, patrol, and clean up the Pinon Ridge area to secure containment lines. Firefighters monitored fire activity near the Manzanita Trail and found opportunities to fight the fire directly with the assistance of aviation assets. For the past few days, fire activity on the eastern side of the fire has moderated on the northern portion of the Highway 39 corridor to the San Gabriel Reservoir.

**WEATHER**

Strong high pressure anchored over the west will maintain hot and dry conditions over the region with much above normal temperatures at least through Friday. Temperatures will peak near 100 degrees over the lower elevations of the fire tomorrow and Thursday before a slight cooling trend begins over the weekend. Humidity in the low teens with poor overnight R/H recovery will continue for the next several days. A mostly light diurnal wind pattern will prevail at the lower elevations of the fire with light north-northeasterly winds over the upper elevations for the next few days. A Heat Advisory has been extended through 8pm Friday for the San Gabriel Mountains and surrounding areas.

**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:

- SR 2 between Angeles Forest Highway and a point 2.2 miles east of the junction with I210.
- SR 2 between Angeles Forest Highway to Big Pines.
- Angeles Forest Hwy, from Sierra Hwy to Angeles Crest Hwy.
- All roads leading into San Gabriel Canyon.
- Hwy 39 is closed north of Azusa (8.1 miles north of the junction with I10) to SR 2.
- Glendora Ridge Road, from Glendora Mountain Road to Mount Baldy Road.
- Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Rd, from Angeles Crest Hwy to Angeles Forest Hwy.
- Chaney Trail, from Alzada Rd to Millard Canyon Campground.
- Chantry Flats, Arno Drive to Forest Route 2N40.
- For more road closures visit: go.usa.gov/xGptF

FOREST CLOSURE

The Forest Service has extended its temporary Regional Forest Closure Order to Sept. 30th. 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.

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.