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Live Fuel Moisture Summary

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LOCATION	THOMAS GUIDE	SPECIES	LIVE FUEL MOISTURE		
			CURRENT	PREVIOUS	%CHANGE
LOS ANGELES BASIN					
GLENDORA RIDGE, GLENDORA	569 E1	CHAMISE	73%	60%	21.7%
LA TUNA CANYON, TUJUNGA	503 J5	CHAMISE	64%	68%	-5.9%
LAUREL CANYON, MT. OLYMPUS	593 A1	CHAMISE	62%	65%	-4.6%
GLENDORA RIDGE, GLENDORA	569 E1	HOARYLEAF	67%	54%	24.1%
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS					
STUNT ROAD, CALABASAS	589 D5	CHAMISE	58%	61%	-4.9%
SCHUEREN ROAD, MALIBU	629 E1	CHAMISE	58%	67%	-13.4%
TRIPPET RANCH, TOPANGA	590 B6	CHAMISE	52%	55%	-5.5%
TRIPPET RANCH, TOPANGA	590 B6	BLACK SAGE	53%	70%	-24.3%
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY					
BITTER CANYON, CASTAIC	4370 A4	CHAMISE	57%	52%	9.6%
BOUQUET CANYON, SAUGUS	4461 G1	CHAMISE	59%	58%	1.7%
BITTER CANYON, CASTAIC	4370 A4	BLACK SAGE	70%	65%	7.7%
BITTER CANYON, CASTAIC	4370 A4	PURPLE SAGE	65%	56%	16.1%
BITTER CANYON, CASTAIC	4370 A4	CALIFORNIA SAGEBRUSH	67%	53%	26.4%
HIGH COUNTRY					
TEMPLIN HIGHWAY, CASTAIC	4279 A3	CHAMISE	57%	59%	-3.4%
TANBARK FLATS, GLENDORA	540 F2	CHAMISE	68%	70%	-2.9%
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SUMMARY	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	%CHANGE
LOS ANGELES BASIN CHAMISE (average)	66%	64%	3.1%
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CHAMISE (average)	56%	63%	-11.5%
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CHAMISE (average)	58%	56%	3.6%
HIGH COUNTRY CHAMISE (average)	63%	65%	-4.3%
ALL AREAS ALL FUELS (average)	62%	63%	-1.4%

- LFM is calculated by the formula (Live Sample Weight–Dry Sample Weight)/Dry Sample Weight.
- 60% is generally recognized as approaching a critical level of live-fuel moisture.
- Sampling date: Los Angeles Basin sites were sampled 10/26/22, Santa Monica Mountains 10/24/22, Santa Clarita Valley 10/25/22, and High Country sites 10/26/22.

LIVE FUEL MOISTURE SUMMARY / FIRE DANGER ZONE DISCUSSION

Live Fuel Sampling is being reestablished at 4 Historic sites: Woolsey Canyon, Tanbark Flats, Templin Highway & Soledad Road. The addition of these sites will allow for the tracking of LFM in the High Country and Los Angeles Basin. The Santa Monica Mountains, Santa Clarita Valley and All Areas All Fuels Data sets and Graphs remain unchanged by these additions.

Live Fuel Moisture values across all areas in Los Angeles County are plateauing, reflecting the 1981-present the trend line. Species sampled across the county have set seed and are in their dormancy phase.