

County of Los Angeles Fire Department Community Risk Reduction Bureau / Forestry Division



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Live Fuel Moisture Summary March 19, 2026

LOCATION	SPECIES	LIVE FUEL MOISTURE		
		CURRENT	PREVIOUS	%CHANGE
LOS ANGELES BASIN				
LAUREL CANYON, MT. OLYMPUS	CHAMISE	115%	169%	-31.8%
GLENDORA RIDGE, GLENDORA	CHAMISE	156%	106%	47.8%
LA TUNA CANYON, TUJUNGA	CHAMISE	124%	120%	3.6%
GLENDORA RIDGE, GLENDORA	HOARYLEAF CEANOTHUS	108%	95%	14%
LA TUNA CANYON, TUJUNGA	BLACK SAGE	244%	298%	-18%
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS				
CLARK MOTORWAY, MALIBU	CHAMISE	154%	157%	-2%
STUNT ROAD, CALABASAS	CHAMISE	133%	175%	-24.1%
TRIPPET RANCH, TOPANGA	CHAMISE	145%	N/A	N/A
CLARK MOTORWAY, MALIBU	BIGPOD CEANOTHUS	159%	160%	-0.7%
TRIPPET RANCH, TOPANGA	BLACK SAGE	323%	N/A	N/A
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY				
PEACH MOTORWAY, SANTA CLARITA	CHAMISE	140%	141%	-1%
QUIGGLE CANYON, SANTA CLARITA	CHAMISE	137%	159%	-13.9%
PEACH MOTORWAY, SANTA CLARITA	BLACK SAGE	272%	265%	2.5%
PEACH MOTORWAY, SANTA CLARITA	CALIFORNIA SAGEBRUSH	205%	267%	-23.1%
HIGH COUNTRY				
TEMPLIN HIGHWAY, CASTAIC	CHAMISE	149%	135%	10.4%
BOUQUET CANYON, SAUGUS	CHAMISE	N/A	N/A	N/A
TEMPLIN HIGHWAY, CASTAIC	PURPLE SAGE	293%	237%	23.8%

SUMMARY	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	%CHANGE
LOS ANGELES BASIN CHAMISE (average)	132%	131%	0.3%
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CHAMISE (average)	144%	166%	-13.4%
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CHAMISE (average)	139%	150%	-7.8%
HIGH COUNTRY CHAMISE (average)	149%	135%	10.4%
ALL AREAS ALL FUELS (average)	179%	177%	0.7%

- 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 3/18/26 , Santa Monica Mountains 3/17/26, Santa Clarita Valley 3/18/2026, and High Country sites 3/17/2026.

South Ops Seasonal Outlook (October 2025-January 2026)

- Percipitation will likely be well below normal through January
- Temperatures will likely be well above normal through January
- The amount of Santa Ana wind events will likely be normal to above normal through January

Tanbark Flats site was burned over during the Bridge Fire 9/2024
 Schueren Road site was burned over in the Palisades Fire 01/2025
 Bitter Canyon Site was burned over in the Hughes Fire 01/2025
 Peach Motorway is re-established as of 4/18/25