



LAKE FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 08/21/2020 Time: Morning

Incident Website: inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/6953

Incident Information Line: (323) 205-5263

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Location: Lake Hughes, 17 miles west of Lancaster CA

Acres Burned:	28,912	Structures Threatened:	1,329
Containment:	52%	Structures Destroyed:	12
Fire Started:	August 12, 2020 at 3:38 PM	Structures Damaged:	6
Cause:	Under Investigation	Outbuildings Destroyed:	21
		Injuries:	1

Total Assigned Personnel: 1,843

Engines: 188 Hand Crews: 25 Dozers: 31 Water Tenders: 22 Helicopter: 13

Current Situation: The Lake Fire started in the Angeles National Forest near Lake Hughes. The fire is moving north and west burning in 100-year-old fuels consisting of Big Cone Douglas Fir, Oak and Gray Pine. The fire remains eight miles northeast of Interstate 5 and south of Highway 138.

The west flank of the Lake Fire was active overnight in the areas of Atmore Meadows and Burnt Peak Canyon. Dozers and hand crews continue to make good progress constructing containment lines on the west edge of the fire in the areas of Burro Canyon and Cow Spring Canyon. Firefighters continue to be challenged by rugged terrain, high temperatures, critically dry fuels, and drought-stressed trees.

Crews are using tactical firing operations today to help improve containment lines as conditions allow. This is an effective tool to reduce vegetation (fuel) to establish and reinforce containment lines.

Firefighters continue to mop up on the east flank of the fire, west of Lake Hughes. The fire line has held for several days in this area.

Repopulation of Evacuees:

The following area will be repopulated Friday, August 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM; East of Shafer Road, West of Mountain View Road, South of Highway 138, North of Pine Canyon Road / Elizabeth Lake Road. Unified Incident Commanders are evaluating all evacuated areas for the potential to safely repopulate.

Residents can only access the area from Elizabeth Lake Road from the east. No access from the west. Residents returning to their homes will have to show identification. Repopulated residents may experience intermittent power outages. For safety information on returning home after a wildfire visit: bit.ly/repopfacts

Virtual Public Meeting: There is a planned virtual public meeting this evening Friday, August 21st at 6:00 PM, to provide a Lake Fire operational overview. This virtual meeting will be live-streamed on:

- Angeles National Forest Facebook, @AngelesNationalForest
- Los Angeles County Fire Department Facebook, @LACoFD
- Los Angeles County Fire Department Instagram, @LACountyFD

Weather: An Excessive Heat Warning for dangerously hot conditions along with high temperatures between 95' and 105' degrees is in effect until 10 PM this evening for the Santa Clarita, San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys. Winds are forecasted out of the northwest at 10-15 mph with gusts to 20-25 mph at the higher elevations. Low relative humidity is forecasted between 15-25% today.

Evacuations: The following areas will remain under evacuation orders; East of Old Ridge Route, West of Shafer Road, South of Highway 138, North of Pine Canyon Road / Elizabeth Lake Road, Lake Hughes Road South of Deeswood Drive and North of Dry Gulch Road.

Evacuation Point(s): Evacuation points will be opened as needed. If you should need assistance, please call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).

Road Closures: Three Points Road from Highway 138 to Pine Canyon Road, Old Ridge Route from Highway 138 to Pine Canyon Road, Lake Hughes Road from Ridge Route Road to Deeswood Drive, Pine Canyon Road from Old Ridge Route to Lake Hughes Road, Dry Gulch Road from San Francisquito Canyon Road to Lake Hughes Road.

Additional Closures: The Castaic Lake Recreation Area and surrounding areas are being used in support of fire operations. The upper and lower lakes and recreation facilities are closed until further notice.

Fire Forest Closure/Restrictions: The Angeles National Forest has closed all National Forest System lands within the Lake Fire closure area by Order 05-01-20-6. The fire danger in the Angeles National Forest has continued to increase, and on Saturday, August 1st, the Forest changed its Fire Danger Level from VERY HIGH to EXTREME. The Angeles Forest Order No. 05-01-20-05 prohibits all campfires within the Angeles National Forest. No fires of any type including cooking stoves, lanterns, and similar devices which use propane, white gas, or similar fuels are allowed at this time.

Animal Care: Antelope Valley Fairgrounds (Large Animals Only) 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA.

Smoke Outlook: The South Coast Air Quality Management District has issued an air quality advisory for the Lake and Ranch 2 Fires for San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties. If you are in an area impacted by smoke, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter and avoid vigorous physical activity.

Cooperating Agencies: County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, County of Los Angeles Public Works, County of Los Angeles Animal Care & Control, County of Los Angeles Parks & Recreation, Red Cross, and Southern California Edison.

Safety Message: Smoke impacts visibility. Please use caution while driving as firefighters and equipment are working in the area today.

The forest: For information on The Angeles National Forest visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/angeles>

Information on Preparing to Evacuate: LA County Fire Department Ready Set Go at: www.fire.lacounty.gov/rsg

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