



# FIRE UPDATE

Friday, September 11, 2020

9:00 AM

## BOBCAT FIRE

### TODAY:

Fire crews will continue to focus on increasing containment lines along the south end of the fire as smoke lifts. Throughout the day, heavy fire activity will continue to be seen on the south end. More fire activity is expected in the north side of the fire where crews will work to contain it at Angeles Crest Highway 2. The eastern portion of the fire is entering into a burn scar from the Ranch2 Fire creating less intense fire behavior for firefighters. Heavy fuels in the west end of the fire are also expected push the fire into an old burn scar. Steep terrain and dry fuels, some of which haven't burned in the last 60 years, will create challenges for crews. Fire crews will also continue working on opening dozer lines and utilizing the road system to slow progression of the fire. Local fire departments will continue to conduct structure protection planning and triage efforts within the foothill communities.

### YESTERDAY:

Firefighters reached a containment of 6% on the southeastern end of the fire as winds pushed the fire northeast yesterday. Two LA County Blackhawks worked the perimeter control in the southwest portion of the fire that will continue into today. Retardant drops were made in the north end as fire activity has mainly continued to grow in that area. Poor air quality due to smoke cover was experienced in the foothill communities

### WEATHER:

Continued warm and dry conditions with poor humidity recovery along the ridgetops will allow active burning and fire growth through the night. Another trend toward abnormally high temperatures is expected through the weekend. Poor air quality due to smoke cover will continue today.

### EVACUATIONS ALERTS:

Evacuation warnings are in effect for Monrovia, Arcadia, Bradbury, Sierra Madre, Altadena, Duarte and Pasadena. At this time, no Evacuation Orders in these communities have been issued— however, it's important to stay well-informed as this is an evolving incident.

### SUMMARY:

The Bobcat Fire started on September 6th at 12:21. The fire is located near the Cogswell Dam and West Fork Day Use area. The fire is burning in heavy fuels with a rapid rate of spread. Along with California Team #1, the fire is currently managed under Unified Command by the Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and cooperating fire departments.

### INCIDENT STATISTICS

**Location of Origin:** Angeles National Forest, Azusa, CA

**Start date:** September 6, 2020

**Size:** Approximately 26,368 acres

**Percent Contained:** 6%

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Resources Assigned:** 540 personnel

- Engines: 50
- Handcrews: 10
- Helicopters: 1
- Aircraft: 2
- Dozers: 5
- Water tenders: 5

### CLOSURES:

Road Closures:

- San Gabriel Canyon Rd (HWY 39) is closed at Old San Gabriel Canyon Rd.
- SR 2 (Angeles Crest Hwy.) is closed from 10.6 miles east of La Canada-Flintridge to Islip Saddle.

All 18 California National Forests are under a Closure Order; this includes the Angeles National Forest. 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 area. Wildfires are a No Drone Zone. Visit Know Before You Fly: <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.

### COOPERATORS:

Los Angeles County Fire Dept.  
Arcadia Police/Fire Dept.  
Los Angeles County OEM  
City of Monrovia  
City of Bradbury  
City of Sierra Madre  
City of Arcadia  
City of Altadena  
City of Duarte  
City of Pasadena



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