



# BOBCAT FIRE

## FIRE UPDATE

Tuesday, September 15, 2020  
8:00 PM

### TODAY

Today, firefighters worked diligently to protect the infrastructure around the Mt. Wilson Observatory by using strategic firing operations in conjunction with aviation assets strengthen dozer lines. Additionally, prior fuel treatments done around Mt. Wilson helped to moderate fire intensity and rate of spread around the area. To the south, the fire remained active and crews continued to strengthen lines with strategic protect foothill communities as that remains a priority. In the north, firefighters actively engaged in suppressing a 500-1,000 acre spot fire that crossed Hwy 2. To the east, the fire remains to the west of Hwy 39 where the Ranch2 Fire burn scar has helped lessen fire spread. Over the past three days, more resources and personnel have arrived to bolster firefighting efforts. Today, a C-130 from Sacramento equipped with a MAFFs (Modular Airborne Firefighting System) made drops near Mt. Wilson. Evacuation orders have been lifted and the repopulation of Camp Williams, River Community Center, and Fire Camp 19 on East Fork Road was authorized. Residents and business owners that live in the East Fork area between Highway 39 to the west and Glendora Mountain Road (GMR) to the east can access their community through GMR in Glendora. For those who were unable to attend last night's virtual community meeting, a recording is located at: [youtu.be/\\_-SvRQ6ZwgY](https://youtu.be/_-SvRQ6ZwgY)

### YESTERDAY

Yesterday, the fire was very active on both the north and south ends, fire progressed towards Mt. Wilson Observatory. Additionally, the fire progressed up to Mt. Sally and approached Hwy 2. To the north, crews battled multiple spot fires trying to hold the fires at Hwy 2. The eastern side of the fire along Highway 39 remained quiet.

### WEATHER

It was another warm and dry day across the incident with temperatures reaching the 90s with low humidity. Southern upcanyon winds were observed with gusts up to 20 MPH. For tonight and Wednesday, warm and dry conditions will continue with low humidity recoveries. On Thursday and Friday, slightly cooler conditions are expected with an increase in high level clouds.

### EVACUATION ALERTS

**Evacuation Orders:** Today, an Evacuation Order was issued for residences within the area north of Angeles Crest North and between Clear Creek Station and Hwy 39. An evacuation order has been issued for all residents north of Elkins Ave. and east of Santa Anita Ave. in the City of Arcadia and portions of Sierra Madre. Residents are advised to evacuate the area using Santa Anita Ave. A Red Cross Evacuation Center has been established at Santa Anita Park, located at **285 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, CA, 91007**. Residents are advised to enter through Gate 5. To reach Red Cross LA, call **1-800-675-5799**.

**Evacuation Warnings:** Residents north of Foothill Blvd. and east of Santa Anita Ave. remain under an evacuation warning. Evacuation Warnings remain in effect for the foothill communities of Monrovia, Bradbury, Sierra Madre, Altadena, Duarte and Pasadena.

### SUMMARY:

The Bobcat Fire started on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:21 PM. 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.



### INCIDENT STATISTICS

**Location of Origin:** Angeles National Forest, Azusa, CA  
**Start date:** September 6, 2020  
**Size:** Approximately 41,773 acres  
**Percent Contained:** 3%  
**Cause:** Under Investigation  
**Resources Assigned:** 1,158 personnel  
 Engines: 119  
 Handcrews: 23  
 Helicopters: 6  
 Aircraft: 6  
 Dozers: 6  
 Water tenders: 5

### CLOSURES:

- Road Closures:
- All roads leading into San Gabriel Canyon are closed.
  - Hwy 39 is closed north of Azusa to SR 2.
  - SR 2 is closed between Upper Tujunga Rd to Big Pines.
  - Upper Big Tujunga Road is closed between SR 2 and Angeles Forest Highway.
  - Chantry Flat Road is closed.
  - Mt Wilson Road is closed from SR 2 to Mt Wilson.

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, grills etc.).

### SAFETY:

A temporary flight restriction is in place over the fire area. Wildfires are a No Drone Zone. Visit Know Before You Fly: [knowbeforeyoufly.org](https://www.knowbeforeyoufly.org).

### COOPERATORS:

- Los Angeles County Fire Dept.
- Los Angeles County OEM
- City of Monrovia
- City of Bradbury
- City of Sierra Madre
- City of Arcadia
- Community of Altadena
- City of Duarte
- City of Pasadena
- City of Los Angeles Fire Dept.
- American Red Cross Los Angeles Disaster Management Area C & D
- Caltrans

Inciweb: [inciweb.nwcg.gov](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov), search "bobcat"

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Fire Information Hotline: 626-574-5208 (8 am to 8 pm daily)

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