



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE

Thursday, September 17, 2020

8:00 PM

TODAY

The Bobcat Fire had very active fire growth in the north end of the perimeter where it reached Juniper Hills and the communities around it, additional aviation assets were requested. Due to the increased fire activity and spread evacuation orders were expanded to include the northern foothill communities. As the top end of the fire attempts to head northwest and northeast, crews and aviation assets continued to work to keep the fire south of Pearblossom. On the west end of the fire, firefighters will be scouting for additional opportunities to build both indirect and direct fire lines to protect the area around Chilao. Fire activity remained active around Mt. Wilson with crews and equipment working very hard to protect infrastructure. To the east, downslope winds activated eastward fire movement near the San Gabriel Reservoir. Containment grew to 9% on the south end where firefighters continue patrol and mop-up to secure lines near the foothill communities. Tonight, a virtual community meeting was held where fire management provided an update on the Bobcat fire current situation. The recorded meeting will can be seen on Facebook through the LA County Fire Dept or City of Monrovia page and Bobcat Inciweb.

YESTERDAY

Last night the fire crossed Highway 2 at Highway 39 where it continued to push north in the Cooper Creek area. Dozers worked all night long constructing line across the northern Forest boundary to protect the desert communities. In the south the fire was quiet around the foothill communities and the protection of Mt. Wilson continued to be successful.

WEATHER

Another warm and very dry day prevailed across the incident. Gusty southerly winds developed the higher elevations with the strongest winds across the north flank of the fire. For tonight and Friday, some slight cooling is anticipated. Ridgetop winds on Friday will move in a southern direction.

EVACUATION ALERTS

Evacuation Orders:

- North of Angeles Crest North and between Clear Creek Station and Hwy 39.
- Juniper Hills.
- Devils Punchbowl.
- Paradise Springs.
- Including the area East of Devils Punch Bowl Rd, South of the Big Pines Hwy, North of the Big Rock Creek, and West of Jackson Lake.

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

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. Additionally, an American Red Cross Temporary Evacuation Point (TEP) has been set up at Palmdale High School, located at **2137 E Avenue R, Palmdale, 93550**. To reach Red Cross LA, call **1-800-675-5799**.

SUMMARY:

The Bobcat Fire started on September 6th 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 55,617 acres

Percent Contained: 9%

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: 1,300 personnel

Engines: 140

Handcrews: 22

Helicopters: 5

Dozers: 8

Water tenders: 4

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 Big 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 CA National Forests are under a Closure Order; this includes the Angeles National Forest. The closure has been extended to Sept. 21. 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.

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COOPERATORS:

Los Angeles County Fire Dept.

Los Angeles County OEM

City of Monrovia

City of Bradbury

City of Sierra Madre

Community of Altadena

City of Duarte

City of Pasadena

City of Los Angeles Fire Dept.

American Red Cross Los Angeles

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