



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE

Sunday, September 27, 2020

8:00 PM

TODAY

Today crews continued to actively patrol searching out heat along the perimeter while monitoring containment lines in preparation of forecasted Santa Ana conditions later tonight. These conditions are forecasted to begin around 5:00 am tomorrow. They will bring increased temperatures, lower relative humidities, and increases to wind speed as well as a change in the wind direction, resulting in critical fire weather conditions tonight and into tomorrow. The fire continued to remain active around the Mt. Lewis area where the fire made its way down to the bottom of the drainage. Crews were engaged in actions to stop the forward rate of spread. The island of unburned fuels northwest of Mt. Wilson continued to consume.

TONIGHT

Personnel will work to build on existing containment lines. They will continue to mop-up and monitor the perimeter of the fire. Crews will continue to secure the portion from Mt. Wilson to Highway 2 and monitor green islands as they burn to ensure there are no spots that develop in Barley flats area. Patrols will occur along the northern perimeter of the fire to make sure communities are secure and to be alert for new activity. Engines will be available for smoke checks around the communities. Increased activity is anticipated within containment lines near Mount Wilson and Mount Lewis as the wind speeds increase and relative humidities decrease. Crews will be working near Mount Lewis to reduce the spread of the fire and to keep it south of Route 2.

WEATHER

Warmer and drier conditions occurred on the fire today, with a shift to north ridgetop winds. Santa Ana conditions will bring strong east to northeast winds beginning early Monday morning and lasting through the afternoon. These gusty winds will combine with very low humidity to produce a period of critical fire weather conditions resulting in a red flag warning in effect from 0500 to 1700 Monday.

No repopulation or lifting of any warnings occurred today. All orders remain the same

EVACUATION ORDERS:

- Paradise Springs – South of Big Pines Highway, east of Devil’s Punchbowl, west of Largo Vista Road, and north of the forest.
- South and west of Upper Big Tujunga Canyon, east of Angeles Forest Highway, and north of Angeles Crest Highway.
- Residences along Angeles Crest Highway, between Angeles Forest Highway and Highway 39.

EVACUATION WARNINGS:

- South of Big Pines Highway, east of Largo Vista Road, west of 263rd Street E (County line), and north of the forest.
- South of Mount Emma Road, north of Upper Big Tujunga Canyon, east of Angeles Forest Highway, and west of Pacifico Mountain.
- East Fork Areas: Julius Klein Conservation Camp 19, Camp Williams, and the River Community.
- Unincorporated community of Wrightwood.

The Red Cross Evacuation Centers at Palmdale High School and Santa Anita Park are now closed. Anyone still needing assistance can call the **Disaster Distress Hotline at 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 114,103 acres

Percent Contained: 65%

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: 1,363 personnel

Engines: 119

Handcrews: 27

Helicopters: 14

Dozers: 13

Water tenders: 13

CLOSURES:

- SR 2 between Angeles Forest Highway and a point 2.2 miles east of the junction with I210.

- SR 2 between Angeles Forest Highway to Big Pines.

- Angeles Forest Hwy, from Sierra Hwy to Angeles Crest Hwy.

- All roads leading into San Gabriel Canyon.

- Hwy 39 is closed north of Azusa (8.1 miles north of the junction with I10) to SR 2.

- Glendora Ridge Road, from Glendora Mountain Road to Mount Baldy Road.

- Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Rd, from Angeles Crest Hwy to Angeles Forest Hwy

- Chaney Trail, from Alzada Rd to Millard Canyon Campground

- Chantry Flats, Arno Drive to Forest Route 2N40

For more road closures visit: go.usa.gov/xGptF

The Forest Service has extended its temporary Regional Forest Closure Order to Sept. 30th. Forests included in this closure are: Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, San Bernardino, Inyo, Sequoia, Sierra, Klamath, and Six Rivers. 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. Wildfires are a No Drone Zone. Visit Know Before You Fly: knowbeforeyoufly.org.

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

Disaster Management Area C & D

Caltrans

California Highway Patrol

Los Angeles County Public Works

Southern California Edison



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