



# LAKE FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 08/24/2020 Time: Evening

Incident Website: [inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/6953](http://inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/6953)



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**Location:** Lake Hughes, 17 miles west of Lancaster CA

<b>Acres Burned:</b>	31,089	<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	1,329
<b>Containment:</b>	65%	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	12
<b>Fire Started:</b>	August 12, 2020 at 3:40 PM	<b>Structures Damaged:</b>	6
<b>Cause:</b>	Under Investigation	<b>Outbuildings Destroyed:</b>	21
<b>Expected Containment:</b>	September 02, 2020	<b>Injuries:</b>	2

**Total Assigned Personnel:** 1,305

**Engines:** 67 **Hand Crews:** 24 **Dozers:** 20 **Water Tenders:** 10 **Helicopter:** 12

**Current Situation:** The Lake Fire was less active today with no increase in acreage, and containment now stands at 65%. The Lake Fire is burning in 100-year-old fuels consisting of Big Cone Douglas Fir, Oak, and Gray Pine. The fire is holding northeast of Interstate 5 and south of Highway 138 in steep and rugged terrain.

Due to higher humidity, crews are planning a direct attack on the west flank of the fire. A direct attack strategy works well with high moisture (humidity) and light winds, and it enables firefighters to work closely to the fire's edge to build containment line.

Five crews will continue working in the area of Burro Canyon to complete containment line in that division. There is some concern that drainages such as Burro Canyon may experience an increase in fire behavior should the dry southwest wind fall in line with the topography. Additionally, burning is continuing interior of the fire perimeter in unburned islands of timber, which have the potential for long-range spotting, especially when located on ridgetops.

There have been two minor reportable injuries to firefighters on this incident.

**Weather:** The tropical moisture influencing weather patterns over the last few days will continue to track into northern California, with a gradual warming and drying trend to follow. Overnight temperatures will be near 70-75 degrees, with humidity in the 50-60% range. Winds are forecasted for tonight out of the west and southwest 5-10 mph with gusts up to 15 mph.

**Repopulation of Evacuees:** At 10:00 AM today, Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, the previously evacuated residents of Kings Canyon Road east to Shafer Road were permitted to return to their homes. Residents can only access the area via Elizabeth Lake Road from the east or Lancaster road from the north. There is no access from the west. Intermittent power outages and other hazards may still be present in the area. For safety information on returning home after a wildfire visit: <http://bit.ly/ReturningHomeAfterAFire>

**Evacuations:** The following areas remain under evacuation orders; east of Old Ridge Route, west of Kings Canyon Road, north of Pine Canyon Road, Three Points Road south of Highway 138. Unified Incident Commanders continue to evaluate all evacuated areas for the potential to safely repopulate.

**Evacuee Resources:** 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 Dive, Pine Canyon Road from Old Ridge Route to Kings Canyon 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 the fire. The upper and lower lakes and recreation facilities are closed until further notice.

**Forest Fire Closure/Restrictions:** The Angeles National Forest has closed all National Forest System lands within the Lake Fire closure area by Order No. 05-01-20-6. On Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Forest changed its Fire Danger Level from VERY HIGH to EXTREME. 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:** There are no active smoke advisories from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

**Cooperating Agencies:** CalFire, 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:** Knowing how to work safely in hot weather can help prevent heat stress injuries and heat stroke. Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness, and it occurs when the body can no longer control its temperature. For more information about heat-related illnesses and first aid, please visit: [https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatstress/heat\\_illnesses.html](https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatstress/heat_illnesses.html)

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

**Wildfire Preparedness:** Learn more about Los Angeles County Fire Department's Ready! Set! Go! Program at: [www.fire.lacounty.gov/rsg](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/rsg)

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