



LAKE FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 08/25/2020 Time: Evening

Incident Website: inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/6953



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Location: Lake Hughes, 17 miles west of Lancaster CA

Acres Burned:	31,089	Structures Threatened:	1,329
Containment:	70%	Structures Destroyed:	12
Fire Started:	August 12, 2020 at 3:40 PM	Structures Damaged:	6
Cause:	Under Investigation	Outbuildings Destroyed:	21
Expected Containment:	September 12, 2020	Injuries:	4

Total Assigned Personnel: 1,278

Engines: 59 **Hand Crews:** 24 **Dozers:** 20 **Water Tenders:** 9 **Helicopters:** 11

Current Situation: The Lake Fire continued to be less active today with no increase in acreage. Containment is now at 70%. 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.

Firefighters were able to hike into the head of Pine Canyon via a trail from Atmore Meadows. Handline has been completed in this section and is ready for tactical firing operations, should conditions allow. Crews have been mopping up (looking for hotspots within containment lines) in the area of Liebre Mountain and down into lower Pine Canyon. All secondary contingency line has been completed, and suppression repair is underway. Suppression repair activities include pulling brush back over handline and adding water bars to prevent excess erosion on dozer lines. Small amounts of smoke from pockets of vegetation that continue to burn in the fire's interior continues to be visible.

There have been four reportable injuries to firefighters on this incident.

Weather: Warming and drying after a brief round of tropical moisture will continue to be the theme through the week. Temperatures tonight are forecasted to be 70-75 degrees with humidity hovering around 40-50%. The west to southwest winds will persist tonight at 5-10 mph with gusts up to 15 mph.

Repopulation of Evacuees: This morning, all evacuated residents were permitted to return to their homes. Intermittent power outages and other hazards may still be present in the area. Areas repopulated today, included:

- South of Highway 138 and CA Aqueduct
- East of Old Ridge Route
- West of Kings Canyon Road
- North of Pine Canyon Road

Please be cautious when driving along recently reopened roads for your safety and the safety of the crews still working in the area.

Roads Reopened Today Included:

- Lake Hughes Road from Ridge Route Road to Deeswood Drive
- San Francisquito Canyon/Dry Gulch Roads to Lake Hughes Road

Areas to Remain Closed:

- Lower and Upper Lake Castaic
- Lake Castaic Recreation Areas

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. Heavy equipment and emergency vehicles are still active along Lake Hughes Road.

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 1st, 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.

Smoke Outlook: Currently, there are no active smoke advisories near the Lake Fire 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: One Less Spark: Are You Doing the Right Thing, the Wrong Way?

Whether working to create defensible space around your home, just mowing the lawn, or pulling your dirt bike over to the side of the road, if you live in a wildland area you need to use all equipment responsibly. Lawn mowers, weed-eaters, chain saws, grinders, welders, tractors, and trimmers can all spark a wildland fire. Do your part, the right way, to keep your community fire safe. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/equipment-use/>

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

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