



# BOBCAT FIRE

## FIRE UPDATE

Monday, September 15, 2020  
8:00 AM

### TODAY

For those community members who were unable to log-on to the zoom community meeting, we are working on closed-captioning and will provide a link to video as soon as available. The Bobcat Fire is now at 41,231 acres with 3% containment. Firefighters worked diligently last night into this morning with a focus on protecting Mt. Wilson and the foothills communities. An increase in resources is allowing us to expand our efforts to reduce the fire’s growth. Today’s primary focus remains at keeping the fire from reaching Mt. Wilson and the foothill communities. The strategic burn operation will continue as weather conditions permit. A secondary priority will be to keep the Fire south of Highway 2. Aircraft will be utilized to actively support ground resources as visibility allows. The Closure Order for National Forests in Southern California has been extended to September 21.

### YESTERDAY

Yesterday the fire was very active on both the north and south ends. It reached within ¾ to ½ mile northwest in the direction of Mt. Wilson Observatory on the southwest and the upper portions of Spanish Creek in the southeast. Strategic burn operations began yesterday and went late into the evening last night to protect the infrastructure around Mt. Wilson. The fire also continued to progress up to Mt. Sally and is approaching Highway 2 in this area. On the north end of the fire crews battled multiple spot fires trying to hold the fire at Highway 2, so far firefighters have been successful in keeping these under control. The eastern side of the fire along Highway 39 remained quiet.

### WEATHER

Today the sky will be clear, we continue a warming trend with slightly increased temperature and lower humidities. Winds will be light from the south to southwest during the day and from the east tonight. This trend of increased temperatures and lower humidities is forecasted to last into Thursday. Next weekend it is anticipated that we will see some reprieve in the weather with increased humidities and cooler temperatures.

### EVACUATION ALERTS

**Evacuation Orders:** 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. San Gabriel Canyon including Camp Williams remains under an Evacuation Order. 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.

**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 6th at 12:21. 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 41,231 acres  
**Percent Contained:** 3%  
**Cause:** Under Investigation  
**Resources Assigned:** 1,091 personnel  
 Engines: 118  
 Handcrews: 19  
 Helicopters: 5  
 Aircraft: 4  
 Dozers: 8  
 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](http://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](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov), search “bobcat”

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