



BOBCAT FIRE

FIRE UPDATE

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

8:00 PM

TODAY

Today, evacuation orders for residents north of Elkins Ave and East of Santa Anita Ave in the communities of Arcadia and Sierra Madre were lifted. Residents were able to repopulate into these areas at 4 PM. The Bobcat Fire is 46, 263 acres with 3% containment. Efforts were focused on securing the south end of the fire where crews put in direct handline from Arcadia Wilderness Park to Santa Anita Canyon Road. Additionally, strategic firing operations took place near Camp Trask where the fire is holding at the line. With decreased smoke conditions, increased temperatures, and lower relative humidity, the fire saw growth along the perimeter. The area around Mt. Wilson and the southwestern edge of the fire remains active where crews continue to protect the Mt. Wilson Observatory infrastructure. The north side of the fire in Cooper Canyon continues northward into the Pleasant View Wilderness. Aviation assets were able to drop retardant as conditions allowed to slow the growth of the fire, while ground resources made their way into look for places to start putting in line. Additionally, crews worked on fire growth near the Crystal Lake area and the West Fork where there is heavy fuel. Tomorrow another virtual community meeting where fire management will provide an update on the Bobcat fire current situation. The meeting will be streamed through multiple platforms, including our cooperators's social media platforms. Information on where to watch the Bobcat Fire virtual community meeting will be posted on the Angeles National Forest Twitter, Facebook, and Bobcat Inciweb early tomorrow.

YESTERDAY

Yesterday firefighters were successful in keeping the fire from impacting Mt. Wilson Observatory. Fire behavior moderated at the south end of the fire overnight, this helped the crews working on strengthening control lines around the foothill communities and Mt. Wilson. Fire behavior was still active in the north and an additional focus was to try to contain the spot fires across Highway 2.

WEATHER

Warm and dry conditions persisted across the fire through the day. Afternoon temperatures reached the 90s with low humidity. Southern winds developed at the ridgetops with upcanyon winds at lower elevations. With these conditions, the fire remained active. For tonight and Thursday, some slight cooling is expected.

EVACUATION ALERTS

Evacuation Orders: An Evacuation Order was issued for residences within the area north of Angeles Crest North and between Clear Creek Station and Hwy 39. 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. To reach Red Cross LA, call **1-800-675-5799**.

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, Arcadia, Altadena, Duarte and Pasadena.

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 46,263 acres

Percent Contained: 3%

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: 1,285 personnel

Engines: 142

Handcrews: 24

Helicopters: 6

Aircraft: 6

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 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. 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
- 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
- Los Angeles County Public Works

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