



# BOBCAT FIRE

**FIRE UPDATE**  
Thursday September 24, 2020  
8:00 AM

## TODAY

Progress continues to be made on containment as the Bobcat Fire is now 50%. One of the priorities today will be the northeastern corner of the fire from Highway 2 to Big Rock Creek Road where crews will be working to construct direct handline. If this is not feasible, they will prepare for strategic firing. The areas where strategic firing took place north of Mt. Wilson will continue to burn out today and if needed and conditions warrant aerial ignition will be used to increase the depth along Highway 2. In the northwestern section of the fire crews continue to construct direct handline from Highway 2 to Little Rock Reservoir. This is very steep and difficult country and it will take several days to accomplish this task. In Antelope Valley crews will continue to secure line and mop up around structures. The eastern and southern portions from Crystal Lake around to Mt. Wilson remain mop-up, monitor and patrol status. Los Angeles County Occupancy support will be beginning today, more information at <https://rb.gv/flykij>.

## YESTERDAY

Yesterday crews successfully held all of the previous day's strategic firing operations. Direct handlines were constructed around the spot fire at Barley Flat, and a new spot fire in this area was also lined. An indirect handline was completed north from Highway 2 to Big Rock Creek Road. Fire activity moderated overnight except in the Mt. Waterman vicinity.

## WEATHER

Today the weather will be similar to yesterday, with light winds and humidity in the teens. High pressure will move in on Friday, starting a significant warming and drying trend. There will be near record temperatures and very low humidity and on Saturday there will be the possibility of gusty northeast winds.

## EVACUATION ALERTS

### Evacuation Orders:

- South and West of Upper Big Tujunga.
- East of Angeles Forest Hwy.
- North of Angeles Crest Hwy.
- Residences along Angeles Crest Highway, between Angeles Forest Highway and Highway 39.
- The unincorporated areas of Juniper Hills, Devils Punch Bowl, and Paradise Springs.
- The unincorporated areas of Crystal Lake, East Fork of the San Gabriel River, and Camp Williams.
- South of Hwy 138, North of Big Rock Creek, East of 87<sup>th</sup> St East, and West of Largo Vista Rd.
- South of 138<sup>th</sup> St. East, North of Big Pine Hwy and Hwy 2, East of Largo Vista Rd., and West of 263<sup>rd</sup> St. East.
- South of Hwy 138, North of East Ave W-14, East of 155<sup>th</sup> St East, and West of 165<sup>th</sup> St. East.

### Evacuation Warnings:

- City of Pasadena
  - Unincorporated communities of Altadena and Wrightwood.
  - South of Pearblossom Hwy, East and North of Angeles Forest Hwy, North and West of Mt. Emma Rd., East and South of Hwy 122, and West of Cheseboro Rd.
  - South of Hwy 2, North of Blue Ridge Truck Trail, East of Hwy 39, and West of the Los Angeles Co. border.
  - South of Ave U-8, North of East Ave W-14, East of 121st East, and West of 155th St East. (Longview)
  - South of Pearblossom Hwy (Hwy 138), South and East of Pearblossom Hwy (Hwy 122), North and West of Mt. Emma Rd., North and East of Angeles Forest Hwy, and West of Cheseboro Rd. (Emma)
  - South of Mt. Emma Rd., North of Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Rd., East of Angeles Forest Highway, and West of Pacifico Mountain
  - Littlerock: East of Cheseboro Road, South of Pearblossom Hwy, North of Weber Ranch Rd, West of 87<sup>th</sup> St E.
- For ongoing evacuation alerts, visit: **LA County Sheriff's Dept. Twitter @LASHQ or inciweb.nwcg.gov.**

A Red Cross Evacuation Center has been established at **Palmdale High School**, located at **2137 E Avenue R, Palmdale, 93550**. The first evacuation point at Santa Anita Park is now closed and anyone still needing assistance can call the **Disaster Distress Hotline at 800-675-5799**. Accommodations for large animals is available at the **Antelope Valley Fairgrounds at 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536**.

## SUMMARY:

The Bobcat Fire started on September 6<sup>th</sup> 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 113,986 acres

**Percent Contained:** 50%

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Resources Assigned:** 1,613 personnel

Engines: 170

Handcrews: 25

Helicopters: 11

Dozers: 23

Water tenders: 10

### CLOSURES:

Road Closures:

- All roads leading into San Gabriel Canyon.
- Hwy 39 is closed north of Azusa to SR 2.
- SR 2 between Upper Big Tujunga Rd to Big Pines.
- Upper Big Tujunga Road between SR 2 and Angeles Forest Highway.
- Chantry Flat Road is closed.
- Mt Wilson Road from SR 2 to Mt Wilson.
- Fort Tejon / Valyermo Rd
- Valyermo Rd / Bob's Gap Rd
- Big Pines Hwy / Largo Vista Rd
- Big Pines Hwy / Mescal Creek Rd
- Big Pines Hwy / Hwy 2

The Forest Service has extended its temporary Regional Forest Closure Order to Sept. 24th. 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](http://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

Inciweb: [inciweb.nwcg.gov](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov), search "bobcat"

Twitter: @Angeles\_NF / Facebook: @angelesnationalforest  
Fire Information Hotline: 626-574-5208 (8 am to 8 pm daily)

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