



Rey Fire Incident Update

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Rey Fire on the Los Padres National Forest continues to grow

Santa Barbara, Calif., August 19, 2016, 5:30 p.m.—For Immediate Release. South Central Sierra Incident Management team was briefed by local officials this evening to assume command of the Rey Fire tomorrow. The team will provide additional support and leadership to assist local Engines and crews from the Los Padres National Forest, Santa Barbara County, and nearby municipalities who have the fire 20% contained.

The Rey Fire which was ignited along side the Paradise Road at the White Rock Day Use Area of the Santa Barbara Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest yesterday, has grown to 2700 acres. 500 firefighters are on scene working to contain the blaze, additional firefighters and equipment have been ordered. Smoke from the Rey Fire is visible from the Santa Barbara area. The fire is moving in a northerly direction into the National Forest.

Paradise Road campgrounds, parts of Stagecoach Road and the Los Prietos Boys Camp are under evacuation. Evacuation Centers are at Santa Ynez High School – New Gymnasium - 2975 E Hwy 246, Santa Ynez, CA 93460. 50 structures are under immediate threat. Highway 154 is open. Paradise Road remains closed. Campgrounds will remain closed through the weekend and beyond.

The cause of the Rey fire is under investigation. Officials are urging Forest visitors to be extremely careful with anything that could cause a spark. “The safest fire condition for our firefighters is the fire that never starts” said District Ranger John “Pancho” Smith. Please observe fire restrictions when recreating on national forest system lands. More information on how you can prevent wildfires can be found at www.preventwildfireca.org.

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