



FIRE UPDATE

Wednesday, September 9, 2020
7:00 pm

BOBCAT FIRE

TODAY:

The fire made a big push today, as the offshore winds pushed the fire to the east and crossed Hwy 39. The fire behavior was very active to extreme with long-range spotting, tree torching, and visible slope runs. The priority of fire operations focused on the southern area of the fire to take advantage of the favorable wind direction and protect the foothill communities. The main objective was to prepare and strengthen fire lines from completed dozer and handline work. As the day progressed and the dense smoke lifted, two air tankers, including a DC-10, were able to make several drops of fire retardant on the southwest portion of the fire to reinforce and strengthen previously applied fire lines. Several more resources arrived at the fire late in the day, including a sky crane helicopter and two more hotshot crews. Local fire departments continued with their structure protection planning and triage efforts within the foothill communities. Nighttime operations will continue into the evening to monitor fire behavior and growth.

YESTERDAY:

Given the forecasted critical fire weather and Red Flag Warnings for 9/8, fire behavior was relatively moderate, likely due to the hovering marine layer that settled in for most of the day. Fire was burning mostly on the interior and minimal flames could be seen on the mountain. Going into the evening hours, the marine layer lifted and the fire started making a push to the northeast and is approximately 1/2 mile from Hwy 39. It is estimated that several thousand acres were burned in the early hours of the morning and will be captured on the next infrared flight. As a precaution, patrols were combing the previously evacuated Angeles National Forest recreation areas, around the North San Gabriel Canyon.

WEATHER:

Continued warm and dry conditions, with poor humidity recovery, coupled with the Santa Ana winds will allow for continued active burning today with erratic fire behavior. Red Flag Warnings are in effect until 8 pm tonight.

EVACUATIONS ALERTS:

Evacuation Warnings are in effect for Monrovia, Arcadia, Bradbury, Sierra Madre, Altadena, Duarte and Pasadena. At this time, no Evacuation Orders in these communities have been issued—however, it's important to stay well-informed as this is an evolving incident.

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. Along with California Team #1, the fire is currently managed under Unified Command by the Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and cooperating fire departments.

INCIDENT STATISTICS

Location of Origin: Angeles National Forest, Azusa, CA

Start date: September 6, 2020

Size: Approximately 19,796 acres

Percent Contained: 0%

Cause: Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: 652 personnel

- Engines: 35
- Handcrews: 19
- Helicopters: 2
- Aircraft: 2
- Dozers: 4
- Water tenders: 3

CLOSURES:

Road Closures:

- San Gabriel Canyon Rd (HWY 39) is closed at Old San Gabriel Canyon Rd.
- SR 2 (Angeles Crest Hwy.) is closed from 10.6 miles east of La Canada-Flintridge to Islip Saddle.

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, etc.).

SAFETY:

A temporary flight restriction is in place over the fire area. Wildfires are a No Drone Zone. Visit Know Before You Fly: <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.

COOPERATORS:

Los Angeles County Fire Dept.
Arcadia Police/Fire Dept.
Los Angeles County OEM
City of Monrovia
City of Bradbury
City of Sierra Madre
City of Arcadia
City of Altadena
City of Duarte
City of Pasadena



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