



## **Sand Fire Morning Update for July 25, 2016**

The Sand Fire continues to burn on the Angeles National Forest in the Magic Mountain Wilderness Area with firefighting personnel battling to gain control and increase containment. Firefighters will remain prepping and providing structure defense around homes and property while providing for public safety and firefighter safety.

The Sand Fire is currently 33,117 acres and 10% contained. Over 2,964 firefighters are engaged in initial attack. Resources include 356 engines, 43 hand crews, 26 helicopters, 16 water tenders, and 14 dozers. The Incident Command Post is located at Golden Valley High School.

Los Angeles County is in high fire danger today. Crews will be experiencing temperatures in the mid to high 90s. Winds will be increasing from the South to Southwest at 7-12mph with gusts to 30mph. With the expected warming trending humidity will be lower at 12 to 15%. Firefighters expect to continue to make good progress. With weather patterns changing, it will provide better visibility for pilots. Expect to see more aircraft assisting with helping to slow the fire progression and allow firefighters on the ground to safely engage and increase containment.

Existing road closures and evacuations are still in effect. The evacuation centers at Hart High School at 24825 N. Newhall,

Santa Clarita, CA 91321; Lakeview Terrace Recreation Center, 11075 Foothill Blvd, Lakeview Terrance, CA 91340; and Highland High School, 39055 25<sup>th</sup> Street West, Palmdale, CA 93551. Large animals should go to Antelope Valley Fair Grounds, 2551 West Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536.

Eighteen homes have been destroyed and 1 damaged. Residents in Sand Canyon and Placerita Canyon should remain vigilant. Residents in Soledad Canyon, Agua Dulce and Acton should remain on high alert.

The Sand Fire is under Unified Command with Mike Wakoski, Incident Commander SoCal Team 3; John Tripp, Deputy Fire Chief, Los Angeles County Fire; and Roosevelt Johnson, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Assisting agencies include Los Angeles Fire Department, California Office of Emergency Services, CAL FIRE, California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County Public Works, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, SoCal Edison, Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control and the American Red Cross.