



# FIRE UPDATE

Wednesday, September 16, 2020  
8:00 AM

## BOBCAT FIRE

### TODAY

Today focus of our efforts will be to hold onto what has been accomplished over the last few days in the vicinity of the foothill communities and Mt. Wilson Observatory. Firefighters will be working on strengthening the lines and looking for opportunities to attack the fire directly. Additional strategic firing may occur as necessary to secure the lines. In the north along the Highway 2 corridor firefighters will be working at putting in lines around the spot fires and ensuring that additional spots are dealt with as they occur. The spot fire in Cooper Canyon is approximately 700 to 1,000 acres. Fuels are at critically dry levels and we anticipate increased fire activity over the next couple of days compared to yesterday. On the east side along Highway 39 the fire crews will be preparing for a strategic firing operation to strengthen the lines. For those who were unable to attend Monday night's virtual community meeting, a recording is located at: [youtu.be/\\_-SvRQ6ZwgY](https://youtu.be/_-SvRQ6ZwgY)

### 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 and 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. The east side of the fire remained quiet.

### WEATHER

Today it will be clear with areas of smoke. It will be slightly warmer today with temperatures in the 80's and 90's with very low humidities and winds similar to yesterday. Later this week it is forecasted to be slightly cooler with a slight increase in humidities. Fuels moistures remain critically low.

### EVACUATION ALERTS

**Evacuation Orders:** Yesterday, an Evacuation Order was issued for residences within the area north of Angeles Crest North and between Clear Creek Station and Hwy 39. An evacuation order has been issued for all residents north of Elkins Ave. and east of Santa Anita Ave. in the City of Arcadia and portions of Sierra Madre. Residents are advised to evacuate the area using Santa Anita Ave. 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, Altadena, Duarte and Pasadena.

### 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 44,393 acres  
**Percent Contained:** 3%  
**Cause:** Under Investigation  
**Resources Assigned:** 1,158 personnel  
Engines: 119  
Handcrews: 23  
Helicopters: 6  
Aircraft: 6  
Dozers: 6  
Water tenders: 5

### 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 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, grills 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](https://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

