



APPLE FIRE

AUGUST 16, 2020 Daily UPDATE

Incident Information: 909-382-2711, 7A–10P daily
Incident E-mail: 2020.apple@firenet.gov
Incident Website: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6902/
Apple Post-BAER Fire Website:
inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6939/

San Bernardino National Forest: www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf
Facebook: facebook.com/SanBernardinoNF/
Twitter: twitter.com/sanbernardinonf
CAL FIRE Riverside County Fire Department:
www.rvcfire.org

Incident Information:

Start / Report Date: July 31, 2020	Size: 33,424 acres	Homes destroyed: 4
Cause: Human Caused	Location: Banning Canyon	Percent contained: 90%
Fuels Involved: Chaparral & Brush	Injuries: 4	Strategy: Full Suppression

Resources:

Hand Crews: 8	Helicopters: 5	Total Personnel: 248
Engines: 5	Water Tenders: 2	
Dozers: 1		

Current Situation:

On the 17th day of the Apple Fire, containment is at 90%. Coping with extreme heat and steep terrain, crews progressed Saturday in securing the northeastern edge of the fire in a remote part of the San Bernardino Mountains. Light sprinkles fell briefly on the burn area yesterday evening, but did not wet the ground. There is a 10% chance of storms today. Using heavy equipment and hand tools, crews are working to mop-up heat along the fireline and repair impacts to the land. Far within the fire’s interior, pockets of burning vegetation may occasionally generate smoke. \$51.8 million has been spent so far on fighting the Apple Fire.

An Excessive Heat Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service, effective until Wednesday, August 17, 2020. Dangerously hot conditions are expected for the Inland Empire. More information about this warning can be found at the [National Weather Service](http://National Weather Service website) website. Firefighters are following COVID-19 precautions, including wearing masks, practicing social distancing, temperature checks daily, using hand sanitizers, meeting outside, washing hands and sanitizing workspaces.

Significant progress has been made on suppression repair on Yucaipa Ridge. Recently burned areas are at a greater risk of mudflows and flash floods. Fires eliminate vegetation that can hold soil in place and charred ground may be unable to absorb water. Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) efforts are focused on the protection of human life, safety, and property. Rapid burn assessments identify areas that have increased potential for floods and mudflows. For more information, please visit the Apple Post-Fire BAER InciWeb page.

Safety Message:

It is still early in the Southern California fire season. Now is the time to prepare defensible space around your home. Defensible space is needed to slow the spread of wildfire and protect the firefighters defending homes in your neighborhood. These efforts can preserve firefighting resources, reduce the need for firefighters to

move throughout the country, and minimize exposure to and transmission of COVID-19 among incident personnel and communities served. You can learn more about defensible space at the CAL FIRE website [Ready for Wildfire](#).

One easy and potentially life-saving task that all residents can do right now is to sign up for the emergency alert system in their county. These systems help public safety officials to provide critical updates, such as evacuation notifications, as quickly as possible.

San Bernardino Residents

Telephone Emergency Notification System
<http://www.sbcounty.gov/SBCFire/TENS/TENSContact.aspx>

Riverside County Residents

RivCoReady
<https://www.rivcoready.org/>

Closures:

The **San Gorgonio Wilderness** is closed to all use until further notice. The order prohibits all entry into the San Gorgonio Wilderness and some adjacent areas. Additionally, all **Forest Service recreation areas in the Forest Falls area are closed. Fire restrictions have increased across the San Bernardino National Forest.** Please refer to the Forest web page at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf> for additional details.

A portion of the **Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail** is closed. Due to closures in both the San Bernardino National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management, the PCT is closed to all traffic between the Cottonwood Trailhead, near the community of San Gorgonio and Forest Road 1N01 (Pipes Canyon Road).

There is a [temporary flight restriction](#) over the fire and vicinity. It is illegal to fly drones within the restricted area. Remember, "When you fly, we can't".