



El Dorado Fire Update

September 6, 2020

Public Information:

Phone: (909) 383-5688

Incident Website:

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7148>

San Bernardino National Forest:

www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf

Facebook:

facebook.com/SanBernardinoNF

Twitter

twitter.com/SanBernardio_NF

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Start Date: 9/05/2020

Location: Oak Glen/West Yucaipa in San Bernardino County CA

Size: 3010 acres

Percent containment: 5%

Cause: Human-caused, under investigation

Assigned Resources:

Hand Crews: 10

Engines: 60

Dozers: 10

Total Personnel: 527

Helicopters: 4

Fixed Wing: 3

Water Tenders: 10

Current Conditions:

The El Dorado Fire started yesterday at approximately 10:20 AM at the El Dorado Bike park off Oak Glen Road. Due to very dry vegetation, very steep terrain and very hot weather, the fire has been extremely active. The fire is burning up the south side Yucaipa Ridge above the communities of Oak Glen and the North Bench area of Yucaipa. It has crested Yucaipa Ridge and is burning on the north slope towards the communities of Mountain Home Village and Forest Falls. Due to this steep ridgeline terrain, one main mode of fire spread is rollouts. These are fallen burning trees rolling down hill and igniting vegetation that burns back upslope. Rollouts are an especially dangerous situation for firefighters.

Today is the peak day of heat over the Labor Day weekend. Winds are light, 2 to 5 with gusts of 12 today and relative humidity is very low at 10%. Fire crews are doing structure protection in the communities and using retardant and water drops to build line around the fire.

Residents, please heed evacuation warnings and holiday travelers, please stay out of the fire area. Due to the number of fires across California and the West, firefighting resources are in short supply although all fire agencies involved have increased staffing to support firefighting efforts. We need to keep the firefighters we do have focused on firefighting and not on managing people.

As of this morning, CIIMT 11, a Type 2 Incident Management Team, is managing the El Dorado Fire for the San Bernardino National Forest in unified command with the City of Yucaipa, San Bernardino County Fire, Cal Fire BDU, San Bernardino County Sheriffs and California Highway Patrol.

CLOSURES AND EVACUATIONS: (Holiday travelers, please note!)

ROAD CLOSURES:

- **Highway 38:** Northbound Highway 39 is closed at Bryant Ave. and Southbound Highway 39 is closed at the town of Angelus Oaks.
- **Oak Glen Road:** Closed at Pine Bench Rd on the east and Cherry Croft/Jefferson on the west.

EVACUATIONS:

Evacuation Order: **Oak Glen** (partial, see road closures), **Mountain Home Village, Forest Falls** and **North Bench Yucaipa** (north of Carter St to Highway 38 and both sides of Bryant St east & west).

SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST RECREATION CLOSURES:

- San Gorgonio Wilderness trails and trailheads: Vivian Creek, Momyer, San Bernardino Peak
- Other Trails: Big Falls, Oak Glen Divide, Wilson Creek
- Picnic Areas: Falls and Thurman Flats
- General Areas: Yucaipa Ridge, Mill Creek drainage and off-trail areas of the San Gorgonio Wilderness south of the San Bernardino Peak Divide Trail

NEW ADDITIONS:

- Thomas Hunting Ground YP
- 1N12, 1S12, 1S13, 1S03
- All of San Gorgonio Wilderness, trails, trailheads and associated parking lot roads EXCEPT for the PCT
- Santa Ana River Trail b/w 1S14 and Middle Control Road