



# El Dorado Fire Update

## September 7, 2020

**Public Information:**

**Phone:** (909) 383-5688

**Incident Website:**

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

**San Bernardino National Forest:**

[www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf)

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**INCIDENT INFORMATION**

**Start Date:** 9/05/2020

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

**Size:** 7386 acres

**Percent containment:** 7%

**Cause:** Human-caused

**Assigned Resources:**

Hand Crews: 10

Engines: 60

Dozers: 10

Total Personnel: 619

Helicopters: 6

Fixed Wing: 6

Water Tenders: 10

**Current Conditions:**

On the south slope of Yucaipa Ridge, the El Dorado Fire continued to burn actively throughout the night making a significant push downslope from Wilshire Peak to below Pine Bench Road impacting structures in that area. Damage assessment teams are currently working in the area to confirm the extent of the damages, the number of structures involved and their locations.

On the north side of Yucaipa Ridge, fire activity is much calmer. The fire is burning slowly down the north slope towards the communities of Mountain Home Village and Forest Falls.

The weather remains dry and hot with a high heat warning and low relative humidity. The predominant northeast winds are expected at 3 to 5 mph gusting to 10 mph with a westerly wind shift at 3 to 6 mph gusting to 11 mph in the early afternoon with a possible fire plume buildup in the unstable atmosphere over the fire. This will result in continued active fire behavior throughout the day. Firefighters are working hard to build a line around the fire and protecting structures in the communities affected. Firefighting aircraft will assist crews on the ground with retardant and water drops, however, the afternoon winds may ground the aircraft.

Residents, please heed evacuation orders, and holiday travelers, please stay out of the fire area. Residents in and around this fire, please remain vigilant: Conditions are changing quickly. There is a Santa Ana wind event anticipated tomorrow night through Wednesday. We are working as hard as we can to prepare for it. Help us by staying out of the firefighters way.

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 38 is closed at Bryant Ave. and Southbound Highway 38 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:** Yucaipa Blvd at Bryant intersection to the east. Yucaipa Blvd to Ave E southeast to the intersection of Mesa Grande, east to Wildwood Canyon Rd to include all portions of Hidden Meadows and the southern portion of the Cherry Valley Community from Nancy Lane east to Beaumont Ave. Including portions of Riverside County down to Orchard St.

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).

**Evacuation Warning:** Evacuation warning in place for Beaumont Ave east to Hillside Place in the Highland Springs area to the Apple Fire burn perimeter to the north and Cherry Valley Blvd to the south.

### **SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST RECREATION CLOSURES**

- San Gorgonio Wilderness: The entire wilderness area is closed, in addition to all inbound trails and associated parking lots, roads and trailheads.
- Other Trails: Big Falls, Oak Glen Divide, Wilson Creek and Santa Ana River Trail between the southern Forest boundary and Middle Control Road.
- Picnic Areas: Falls and Thurman Flats
- Camping: Thomas Hunting Grounds Yellow Post Sites
- Roads: Thomas Hunting Grounds Road (1N12), Morton Springs Road (1S13) and Warm Springs Road (1S12)

*Note: All visitors should be prepared for the possibility of future closures at a moment's notice.*