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# El Dorado Fire: September 10 2020 PM Update

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## **INCIDENT INFORMATION**

**Unified Command:** CAL FIRE BDU/RRU/Yucaipa, San Bernardino National Forest, San Bernardino County Fire, San Bernardino County Sheriff, Riverside County Sheriff, California Highway Patrol

**Start Date**: 9/05/2020 **Size**: 13,592 acres

Location: Oak Glen/West Yucaipa inPercent containment: 31%San Bernardino County CACause: Human-caused

### **Assigned Resources:**

Hand Crews: 17 Engines: 179 Dozers: 12 Total Personnel: 1244

Helicopters: 6 Fixed Wing: 4 Water Tenders: 13 Injuries: 3
Structures Threatened: 12,500 Residences: Damaged: 2 Destroyed: 4
Other Str: Damaged: 4 Destroyed: 6

#### **Current Conditions:**

The El Dorado Fire actively burned on the steep western perimeter near Highway 38 this afternoon. There is a concern for ember casting overnight with a downslope wind influence. Crews are working diligently to patrol and work on the control line in this very difficult terrain.

The hard work by the ground crews over the past several days has successfully held the fire behind Mountain Home Village along the fire control lines. Crews continue mop up and extinguish hot spots to protect the community.

Just east of Mountain Home Village, the fire crossed Highway 38. The fire continues to burn up the slopes along the dozer contingency line. Crews are deploying hose and utilizing both water and retardant drops to slow the fire progression.

The fire crossed Highway 38 a second time above the hairpin curve and is now burning into the old Valley Fire scar and has slowed its progression due to a reduction in fuels. Fire crews are

working diligently to build indirect control line to the north of the fire perimeter due to the considerable threat to Angelus Oaks and Big Bear.

The fire has also burned into the western portion of Oak Lane in Forest Falls. The continued efforts of fire crews building and reinforcing controls lines as well as structure preparation have allowed for active engagement on the fire by ground resources.

On the south side of Yucaipa Ridge, smoke may be observed in the area of Wildwood Canyon as fuels continue burning inside of the fire perimeter. Fire lines are holding and continue to be reinforced on the southern edge of the fire.

The evacuation warning and order remain in effect for portions of Mentone and Yucaipa.

Residents of Angelus Oaks, Seven Oaks, Barton Flats up to Onyx Summit, an evacuation ORDER is issued for your area. Please review the Evacuation Warnings and Orders at the end of this update to determine if you are affected.

Today the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and the El Dorado Fire Unified Incident Commanders issued an advisory for visitors to consider rescheduling planned visits to the Big Bear area due to fire activity.

Neighbors, please stay vigilant and check Inciweb, Twitter and Facebook for changes on the #ElDoradoFire. There are physical signboards at the Stater Bros. shopping center in Beaumont at 1430 Beaumont Ave., 1775 East Lugonia Ave. in Redlands near the Starbucks and 11365 Bryant St. Yucaipa in the Stater Bros shopping center.

The Red Cross temporary evacuation point is at Redlands East Valley High School, 31000 E. Colton Ave. in Redlands.

#### **CLOSURES AND EVACUATIONS**

#### **ROAD CLOSURES:**

- Highway 38 is closed between Bryant St. to the south and Lake Williams Dr. to the north
- Topaz St. is closed at Bryant St. to eastbound traffic
- Juniper Ave. is closed at Bryant St.
- Carter St. is closed at Bryant St.
- Fir is closed at Bryant St.
- Ivy is closed at Bryant St.
- Northbound Fremont St. is closed at Oak Glen Rd.
- Eastbound Oak Glen Road is closed at northbound Cherry Croft
- Eastbound Oak Glen Road is Closed at Casablanca
- Oak Glen Rd. is closed at Wildwood Cyn.
- Pendleton is Closed at Oak Glen Rd.
- Fremont St is closed at Carter St.

#### **EVACUATIONS:**

#### **Evacuation Orders:**

- All areas between Angelus Oaks and Onyx Summit evacuate via Hwy 38 north to Big Bear.
- The following portion of Yucaipa and all of Oak Glen: All homes and businesses north and east of this line: from the intersection of Hwy 38 and Bryant to Carter, south on Jefferson to Ave E south to Wildwood Canyon Road to the intersection with Oak Glen.
- Mountain Home Village and Forest Falls

# **Evacuation Warning:**

For portions of Mentone and Yucaipa: the areas bounded by the following streets remain in an evacuation warning: North of Oak Glen Road, West of Bryant, South of Highway 38 and East of Garnet.

#### SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST RECREATION CLOSURES:

The entire Forest was closed to all public use at 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 7. Please see https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sbnf/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD799192 for more information.