



Silverado Fire Update



September 14, 2014 Morning Update

Location: Cleveland National Forest

Percent Contained: 20%

Acres Burned: 1,600

Resources: Hand crews 33
Helicopters 9
Dozers 12

Date Started: September 12, 2013 @10:40a.m.

Injuries: 3

Cause: Under Investigation

Engines 63

Water Tenders 7

Total personnel assigned to fire: 1084

The US Forest Service in unified command with Orange County Fire Authority on the Cleveland National Forest continues to fight the Silverado Fire along with cooperation from State and local agencies, including CALFIRE, Cal OES, OC Sheriff, CHP, Southern California Edison, Irvine Regional Park, and Irvine Ranch Water District.

The fire started on September 12th at approximately 10:40 a.m. near the 30500 block of Silverado Canyon Road and has burned 1600 Acres. The terrain is steep and rugged, making firefighter access difficult. Dry, drought ravaged chaparral and brush, coupled with unusually hot weather are fueling the fire, which is now 20% contained. The highest temperatures in this event are predicted for Sunday and Monday, with temperatures as high as 102 degrees. The fire perimeter remains roughly the same.

The evacuation order affecting 217 homes remains in place from 30331 Silverado Canyon Road east to the end of the road.

SCE confirms that the 500 Kv line continues to be threatened by the fire. SCE crews will begin replacement of one power pole after 10:00 am. Efforts continue to be made to clear the road and restore power.

Due to fire activity and incident related vehicular traffic, in and around the Silverado Fire, all access roads and gates will remain closed for the another 24-48 hours. The closure includes all communications site users and special use permit holders. For emergency access to communications sites, contact Silverado Fire Information at 619 756 4281.

Smoke Impacts

Smoke from the Silverado fire will continue to be visible during active burning periods in the local communities. Depending on changing weather conditions, smoke may create decreased visibility and increased problems for people with respiratory diseases. Predicted weather conditions may see an increase in smoke density over the next five days. For additional information on smoke conditions and health effects, visit the South Coast Air Quality Management District, www.aqmd.gov/

Road Closures/Evacuations:

There is a soft closure at Silverado Canyon Road and Santiago Canyon Road: OPEN TO RESIDENTS ONLY.
There is a hard closure at 30331 Silverado Canyon Road eastward; NO ONE ALLOWED PAST THAT POINT.

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For more information please go to <http://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4105/#>

