



Silverado Fire Update



September 15, 2014 Morning Update

Location: Cleveland National Forest

Percent Contained: 80

Acres Burned: 968

Resources: Hand crews 29
Helicopters 5
Dozers 4

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

Injuries: 1

Cause: Under Investigation

Engines 76

Water Tenders 9

Total personnel assigned to fire: 1059

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. The fire perimeter was more accurately mapped last night with infrared equipment, and by surveying the area yesterday. The acreage has been adjusted to 968 acres. Firefighters made significant progress overnight, both preventing the fire from spotting between canyon fingers and constructing fire line.

All evacuation orders have been lifted. Silverado Canyon residents were permitted to return home last night. Power was restored to the area yesterday in the early evening hours.

Area Rehabilitation

A BAER (Burn Area Emergency Response) team will begin work within the burn area, early in the week. The stabilization work begins before the fire is out and may continue for up to a year to prevent further damage to life, property or natural resources. BAER teams are staffed by specially trained professionals; hydrologists, soil scientists, engineers, biologists, vegetation specialists, archeologists, and others who rapidly evaluate the burned area and prescribe emergency stabilization treatments. To learn more about these highly specialized teams, visit the US Forest Service website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/biology/watershed/burnareas/background.html>

Smoke and Weather Impacts

A smoke advisory remains in effect for the areas near the fire. Depending on changing weather conditions, smoke may create decreased visibility and increased problems for people with respiratory diseases. For additional information on smoke conditions and health effects, visit the South Coast Air Quality Management District, www.aqmd.gov/. For information concerning the weather predictions for next week, visit the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov/.

Road Closures/Evacuations

All access roads and gates in and around the fire will remain closed to public use. Communications site users needing access for routine or emergency purposes should contact Silverado Fire Information at 619 756 4281.

A soft closure at Silverado Canyon Road and Santiago Canyon Road remains in place: OPEN TO RESIDENTS ONLY.

Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team 2
Don Garwood, Incident Commander

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

