SoberanesFire

Incident Update

Date: 08/18/2016 Time: 7:00 P.M.
(LAST P.M. UPDATE)
Fire Information Lines: 2-1-1 or 831-204-0446
Media Line: 831-484-9647

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www.fire.ca.gov Inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4888

STATUS		
Incident Start Date: 07-22-2016	**Incident Start Time:** 8:48 a.m.	
Incident Type: Wildland	**Cause:** Illegal Campfire	
Incident Location: Soberanes Creek, Garrapata State Park, Palo Colorado/ Big Sur		
Acreage: 79,000 (37,178 CAL FIRE, 41,822 CA-LPF)	**Containment:** 60%	
Expected Containment: 09/30/2016	**Injuries:** 1 fatality, 3 injuries	
Structures Threatened: 410	**Structures Destroyed:** 57 Homes 11 Outbuildings	**Structures Damaged:** 3 structures and 2 outbuildings

RESOURCES				
Engines: 79	**Water Tenders:** 60	**Helicopters:** 15	**Air Tankers:** 0	**Hand Crews:** 48
Dozers: 35	**Other:** 4	**Total Personnel:** 2690		

Cooperating Agencies: US Forest Service Los Padres National Forest, California State Parks and Recreation, California Highway Patrol, Monterey County Sheriff, Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District, American Red Cross, California Conservation Corps., CAL-OES, California National Guard, California Fish and Wildlife, Carmel Highlands FPD, Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District, Mid-Coast Fire Brigade, Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade, CSUMB, SPCA, United Way, Pacific Gas and Electric, Monterey Bay Air Resources District, CAL TRANS, Bureau of Land Management, Monterey County EOC, Big Sur Land Trust.

SITUATION

Current Situation:

CAL FIRE and the USDA Forest Service, Los Padres National Forest remain in unified command.
Tactical firing operations have been successful in defending the community of Big Sur. Hwy 1 is now open to traffic in both directions.
Pre-planning continues to mitigate potential future threat. Fire continues to burn in steep, rugged and inaccessible terrain. The fire continues to flank to the south in the Big Sur river drainage. A State of Emergency has been declared by the Governor.
The cause of the Soberanes Fire was an illegal campfire. Anyone with information is asked to call the CAL FIRE Tip Line at: (800) 468-4408. A total of 57 residences and 11 outbuildings have been destroyed. Three residences and two outbuildings have been damaged.
An Air Resource Advisor is assigned to the incident and is working with local and state air quality officials to analyze the impact the smoke is having on the public.
US FOREST SERVICE TRAIL AND ROAD CLOSURES: A forest closure order has been implemented to close the trails and roads within the Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District pursuant to USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a). The order prohibits going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Soberanes Fire area. The Arroyo Seco Campground and Day Use Area is closed. For a complete list of closures please visit: www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf
CALIFORNIA STATE PARK CLOSURES: All California State Parks from Garrapata State Park through Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park are closed until further notice; which includes Point Sur State Historic Park (Lighthouse), Andrew Molera State Park, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park Campground and Day Use.
380 residents have been evacuated along with several road closures listed in the Evacuations section below.

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Evacuations:	**EVACUATION ORDERS:** An evacuation ORDER remains in effect for Coast Ridge Rd. from mile marker 1.5 to Marble Peak at the end of the road. **EVACUATION WARNINGS:** Evacuation WARNINGS remain in effect for the east side of HWY 1 from Andrew Molera Park to Coast Ridge Rd at the Ventana Inn. This area includes the Ventana Inn and Coast Ridge Rd to mile marker 1.5. A WARNING remains for Tassajara Road from Carmel Valley Road to the Tassajara Hot Springs Zen Center. This area includes all roads that lead from the above described roads. Residents should ***prepare*** to leave the areas listed above and be sure to take any medications, pets, family valuables, etc. with you. Close all windows and leave all doors closed. All residents are asked to be READY: Create and maintain defensible space and harden your home against flying embers. Get SET: Prepare your family and home ahead of time for the possibility of having to evacuate. Be Ready to GO! Take the evacuation steps necessary to give your family and home the best chance of surviving a wildfire. For more information on "Ready, Set, Go", go to www.readyforwildfire.org.
Road Closures:	Coast Ridge Road from mile marker 1.5 to Marble Peak at the end of the Rd.
Resource center	American Red Cross Resource Center is open at the corner of 8th & Dolores Ave Carmel 831-626-5256 Monday thru Saturday 10 to 3 pm and Sunday 10 to 1 pm. and will remain open until Friday the 18th. For any unmet disaster related needs call 1.866.272.2237 24/7
Animal Shelter	1002 Monterey Salinas Highway, Salinas CA, 93908
Donation Collection Center	The American Red Cross is very grateful for the offers of assistance, but at this time they are not able to accept donations such as food or clothing. If people have questions about in-kind donations related to the Soberanes Fire, they should contact montereyco.recovers.org or at 831-649-3050. People can help those affected by disasters by making a gift to American Red Cross Disaster Relief. To donate, people can visit redcross.org/donate/, call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767), or text REDCROSS to 90999 to make a $10 donation.
Alert Monterey	You can self-register up to three phone lines for emergency notifications at www.alertmontereycounty.org