Soberanes Fire

Los Padres National Forest
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DAILY UPDATE

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Incident: The Soberanes Fire is burning in the Los Padres National Forest, Ventana Wilderness, Monterey County, CA. The fire was started by an illegal campfire on July 22, 2016, in Garrapata State Park.
Agency Jurisdiction: CAL FIRE San Benito-Monterey Unit/Los Padres National Forest

Current Size: 94,180 acres (56,986 acres CA-LPF, 37,194 acres CAL FIRE)
Containment: 60% **Cause:** Illegal campfire **Injuries:** 1 fatality, 4 injuries
Structures Destroyed: 57 homes, 11 outbuildings **Structures Threatened:** 410
Current Resources: Crews: 22 **Engines:** 57 **Helicopters:** 14 **Dozers:** 6 **Water Tenders:** 5
Total Personnel: 1221

Incident Command: Alaska Interagency Incident Management Team, Tom Kurth Incident Commander. The incident is no longer in unified command with Cal Fire, though many Cal Fire resources are still being utilized.

Current Situation: The Burned Area Emergency Response (BEAR) assessments continued on the northern portion of the fire. Fire suppression repair is expected to be completed in the Northern section of the fire by Sunday. Structure protection actions continue on Partington Ridge and protection assessment work is beginning at Fred's Camp.

Fire burned actively in several locations were wind and terrain were aligned during the warmest part of the day. Control lines are holding above Carmel River with only scattered heat well within the control lines near Los Padres Reservoir. Fire continues to be active less than 1 mile from control lines in the South Fork Big Sur River and the Pick Creek drainages. Firing operations along Coast Ridge Road are keeping up with active fire inside the containment lines to increase the probability of holding the fire east of the Coast Ridge Rd.

Evacuation Orders and Warnings: An evacuation warning remains in effect for a small section of Monterey County along the Pacific Coast Highway bounded on the north by Castro Canyon, on the south by the Julie Pfeiffer Burns State Park, on the east by North Coast Ridge Rd, and on the west by Highway 1. An evacuation warning remains in place for Tassajara Road from Carmel Valley Road to the Tassajara Hot Springs Zen Center. An evacuation order remains in effect for North Coast Ridge Rd. from mile marker 1.5 to Marble Peak at the end of the road. Access to the businesses in the Carmel Valley and along highway 1 in Big Sur are mostly unaffected. We request you stay alert and watch out for vehicles entering the highway along your route.

Community Meeting: There will be a community meeting on Saturday, September 3, 2016 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Cachagua General Store Saturday, 18840 Cachagua Rd., Carmel Valley, CA., 93924. The USDA Forest Service and Alaska Interagency Incident Management, in conjunction with cooperating agencies on the Soberanes Fire, will host a community meeting. Representatives from managing agencies and cooperators of

the fire will provide the current status of the Soberanes Fire and be available for questions. Call the Soberanes Fire information line at (831) 204-0446 for more information or visit http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4888/

Suppression Repair: A Burned Area Emergency Response team on Tuesday began conducting assessments on the northern portion of the fire. Loss of vegetation exposes soil to erosion; runoff may increase and cause flash flooding; sediments may move downstream and damage houses or fill reservoirs; and put endangered species and community water supplies may be at risk. The Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) program addresses these situations with the goal of protecting life, property, water quality, and deteriorated ecosystems from further damage after the fire is out. Concern for possible post-fire effects on fish, wildlife, archeological sites and endangered species is often a primary consideration in the development of a BAER plan.

Fire Restrictions: Forest Order 05-07-16-15 Fire Use Restrictions - Level IV Fire Restrictions. This Order is effective from August 23, 2016, through the end of the official 2016 fire season.

US Forest Service Road and Trail 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. For a complete list of closures please visit: www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf. The following sites are open: Pfeiffer Beach Day Use, Mill Creek Day Use, Willow Creek Day Use, Sand Dollar Day Use, Kirk Creek Campground, Nacimiento Campground, Ponderosa Campground and Plaskett Creek Campground.

California State Park Closures: Point Sur Light Station State Historic Park is open and guided tours will resume today. Go to www.pointsur.org for more information. Portions of Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park including the McWay Falls trail have opened. All lands and trails east of the parking lot and the campground remain closed. The Big Sur Lodge is open, however, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park Day Use and Campgrounds remain closed. Go to www.bigsurlodge.com for more information. The following park units remain closed: Andrew Molera State Park -All park lands closed to public entry; Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park – All park lands except the Big Sur Lodge closed to public entry; Garrapata State Park – All park lands east of Hwy 1 closed to public entry.

Donations: Local relief efforts to the fire victims have been provided by the Coast Property Owners Association (CPOA) and the Community Foundation for Monterey County. Donations can be made to the CPOA at Coast Property Owners Association, PO Box 59, Big Sur, CA 93920 or the Community Foundation for Monterey County, 2354 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940 (831)375-9712. The Red Cross prepares for, responds to, and helps people recover from disasters big and small. For any unmet disaster related needs, please call their 24 hour hotline at 1-866-272-2237.

Additional Cooperating and Assisting Organizations: California State Parks and Recreation, California Highway Patrol California Office of Emergency Services, California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, California National Guard, Big Sur Land Trust, SPCA of Monterey County, California Department of Transportation, California National Guard, California Fish & Wildlife, Coast Property Owners Association (CPOA), Community Foundation for Monterey County, Bureau of Land Management, American Red Cross, County of Monterey, Pacific Gas and Electric, Carmel Highlands F.P.D., Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District, Mid Coast Volunteer Fire Brigade, Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Cachagua F.P.D.

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