



## Soberanes Fire

Los Padres National Forest  
September 11, 2016



### 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.

**Incident Command:** Alaska Interagency Incident Management Team, Tom Kurth, Incident Commander.

**Current Size:** 105,642 acres (68,488 acres CA-LPF; 37,194 acres CAL FIRE)

**Containment:** 60% **Cause:** Illegal campfire **Injuries:** 1 fatality, 6 injuries

**Structures Destroyed:** 57 homes, 11 outbuildings **Structures Threatened:** 410

**Current Resources: Crews:** 14 **Engines:** 60 **Helicopters:** 17 **Dozers:** 4

**Water Tenders:** 5 **Masticators:** 2

**Total Personnel :** 1233

#### **Current Situation:**

The Soberanes fire is still within the containment lines.

As predicted yesterday, instability in weather conditions produced significant fire behavior in several locations, prompting an **Evacuation Order** for Tassajara Road from Chews Ridge south to the end of the road at Tassajara Hot Springs. The remainder of Tassajara road, north from Chews Ridge to Carmel Valley Road remains in an evacuation warning. The fire is active on the ridge above the North Fork of the Big Sur River two air miles west of the Tassajara Zen Center and is active above Lost Valley Creek three air miles southwest of Arroyo Seco.

An **Evacuation Warning** has also been issued along the east side of the Soberanes Fire for residents southwest of East Carmel Valley Road from the intersection of East Carmel Valley Road and Piney Creek Road extending to Arroyo Seco Road. An evacuation warning is a precautionary notice that an Evacuation Order may become necessary.

In preparation for possible similar conditions today, containment lines are being reinforced utilizing aircraft for water and retardant drops. On the west side of the fire, a successful firing operation was conducted along North Coast Ridge Road near Anderson Peak. If conditions are favorable, firing operations are possible again today to extend and deepen containment lines.

**Flight Restrictions:** On September 6th, there were two drone intrusions into the Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) that is in effect over the fire area. Both drones were spotted by fire line personnel and on both occasions the drones were grounded without incident. The public is reminded that it is illegal to operate drones within a TFR. For details on the Soberanes Fire TFR go to: [http://tfr.faa.gov/save\\_pages/detail\\_6\\_3158.html](http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_6_3158.html). The objective is to provide a safe environment for firefighting aircraft operations.

### **Evacuation Orders and Warnings:**

**EVACUATION WARNING EXPANDED: An evacuation WARNING along the east side of the Soberanes Fire has been expanded to include an area along Arroyo Seco effective at 6p.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2016.** The new evacuation Warning is in effect for the following areas:

Residents southwest of East Carmel Valley Road starting at the intersection of East Carmel Valley Road and Piney Creek Road extending East to Arroyo Seco Road and residents along Arroyo Seco Road starting from East Carmel Valley Road extending west past the Arroyo Seco Campground.

Evacuation orders remain in effect for the following areas:

Coast Ridge Road from 1.5 miles above the Ventana Inn to the end of the Coast Ridge Road at Marble Peak, and roads that leave from Coast Ridge Road.

Previous Evacuation warnings remain in effect in the following areas:

- Big-Sur South Coast Center Area. This area starts at the intersection of Highway 1 and Anderson Canyon extending South to the intersection of Highway 1 and Dolan Canyon and is bounded to the east by North Coast Ridge Road.
- A small section of Monterey County along the Pacific Coast Hwy bounded on the north by Castro Canyon, on the south by Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, on the east by North Coast Ridge Road and on the west by Highway 1 (Pacific Coast Hwy).
- Tassajara Road from Carmel Valley to the Tassajara Hot Springs Zen Center, and roads that leave Tassajara Road.

**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 Forest, Road and Trail Closures:** A forest closure order #05-07-51-16-16 was implemented on September 2nd to close the trails and roads within the Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a). The order prohibits going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Monterey Ranger District. For a complete list of closures please visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/lpnf/alerts-notice/>. The following sites are open: Pfeiffer Beach Day Use, Mill Creek Day Use, Willow Creek Day Use, Sand Dollar Day Use, Kirk Creek Campground and Plaskett Creek Campground.

**California State Parks Status:** The following sites are open: Point Sur Light Station State Historic Park, and Big Sur Lodge. The following park units remain closed: Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park (day use and campgrounds), Andrew Molera State Park, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, Garrapata State Park, and all park lands east of Hwy 1.

**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.

### **Social Media Information:**

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