



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.

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

Current Size: 105,705 acres (68,527 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 :** 1272

Social Media Information: Facebook: U.S. Forest Service - Los Padres National Forest Alaska Interagency Incident Management Team <https://www.facebook.com/lospadresnationalforest/>
<https://www.facebook.com/ALASKAIMT/?fref=ts> Twitter: @LosPadresN <https://twitter.com>

Current Situation:

Fire movement was not as active as expected Sunday. **The Soberanes fire remains within containment lines.**

On the west side, firing operations along Coast Ridge Road were very successful. Crews worked to deepen and extend the secured portion of the containment line for over a mile. The east line was reinforced utilizing aircraft with water and retardant drops. Today, if weather is again favorable, the containment line will be extended and expanded with firing operations along Coast Ridge Road.

On the east side, firefighters will focus on areas between Arroyo Seco and the fire itself. The contingency line was saturated with retardant in preparation for forecasted westerly winds. Additional firefighting resources have arrived, including crews, engines and dozers. Some are to replace those who are timing out.

A public meeting will be held tonight for the community of Arroyo Seco, to provide a current update of fire management operations and address questions. The meeting will be held at the Arroyo Seco Fire Station and Community Center located at 46700 Arroyo Seco Road. The meeting will be hosted by members of the Alaska Incident Management Team.

Yesterday a single vehicle accident (rollover) involving a water tender occurred on the west side of the Fire. The patient was flown to a local hospital for treatment. A full recovery is expected.

The Soberanes Fire will transition from the Alaska Incident Management Team to California Incident Management Team 4. Transfer of command will occur on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 A.M.

Evacuation Orders in effect:

- Tassajara Road from Chews Ridge south to the end of the road at Tassajara Hot Springs.
- 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.

Evacuation Warnings in effect:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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. The objective is to provide a safe environment for firefighting aircraft operations.

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-notices/>. 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.

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