



SOBERANES FIRE

Los Padres National Forest DAILY UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2016



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Incident: The Soberanes Fire is burning in the Los Padres National Forest, Ventana Wilderness, in 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: California Incident Management Team 4, Rocky Opliger, Incident Commander.

Current Size: 107,050 acres (69,856 acres CA-LPF; 37,194 acres CAL FIRE)

Containment: 60% **Personnel:** 1,384 **Cause:** Illegal campfire **Injuries:** 1 fatality, 7 injuries

Structures Destroyed: 57 homes, 11 outbuildings	Structures Threatened: 410	Crews: 20	Engines: 67
Helicopters: 17	Dozers: 8	Masticators: 2	Water Tenders: 7

Current Situation:

Today, the Soberanes Fire transitioned from the Alaska Incident Management Team to California Interagency Incident Management Team 4 at 6:00 A.M.

Last night firefighters successfully held the fire within indirect lines (firelines constructed away from the hot edge of the fire) and strategically ignited fires along portions of the indirect fireline. The fire also remains within existing containment lines. Main actions for today will be to continue strategic burning operations in the morning along the Coast Ridge Road, protecting structures in the Arroyo Seco area, and patrolling the fire area by air. Firefighters have also begun restoring bulldozer lines constructed early in the firefight in the northwestern area of the fire to prevent erosion and reduce other impacts.

On the coastal southwest side of the fire, crews continued to build bulldozer lines along the Coast Ridge Road for use as future control lines. Today, firefighters will continue securing this indirect control line as they progress to the south with firing operations; keeping the fire north of Rodeo Flats. Retardant has also been placed along Indians Road, about one mile and a half east of Anderson Peak.

On the east side, firefighters continue to focus on the Arroyo Seco area by pretreating indirect lines with fire retardant and continue to protect structures. The strategy is to keep the fire in the Ventana Wilderness, west of Carmel River and south of Willow Creek. Historic fire lines, constructed to suppress previous fires, are being reopened to minimize the effects to wilderness.

Yesterday evening, approximately 100 people attended a public meeting at the Arroyo Seco Fire Station and Community Center. Another community meeting will be hosted in Arroyo Seco on Thursday, September 15, at 6 PM.

All Evacuation orders and warnings remain in effect.

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