



SOBERANES FIRE



Los Padres National Forest DAILY UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 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: 107,375 acres (69,903 acres CA-LPF; 37,194 acres CAL FIRE)

Containment: 52% **Personnel:** 1,355 **Cause:** Illegal campfire **Injuries:** 1 fatality, 6 injuries

Structures Destroyed: 57 homes, 11 outbuildings	Structures Threatened: 410	Crews: 14	Engines: 64
Helicopters: 16	Dozers: 6	Masticators: 2	Water Tenders: 7

A public meeting will be held in Arroyo Seco on September 15, 2016, beginning at 6 PM.

Current Situation:

Weather conditions are now favorable for fire crews to begin executing a strategic plan to methodically initiate burn out activities that will strengthen the existing indirect fire line on the east-side of the fire. Indirect line is a fire line constructed away from the hot edge of the fire. Burning could begin as early as this morning.

Burn out involves intentionally burning vegetation from the indirect fire line. The operations will begin on Chews Ridge and progress northwesterly toward the existing containment line. Over the days ahead, crews will continue burning out the existing indirect line, forming a new containment line. The majority of the burnout operations will be ignited by individual fire crews using hand-held ignition devices.

The plan calls for creating a fire line that will prevent the fire from escaping the Ventana Wilderness Area. There is no intention to ignite all the unburned vegetation inside the Wilderness, just the perimeter.

The plan also includes protecting structures located inside the main indirect fire line. The public can expect to see increasing amounts of smoke as the burn out operations progress over the coming days and nights.

The fire containment has been lowered to 52% due to the current growth of the fire in remote inaccessible areas. The amount of uncontrolled fire perimeter changes constantly with the varying influences such as weather, fuels and topography. As burning of the indirect fire line continues the containment percentage will increase. The fire remains within existing containment lines.

All evacuation orders and warnings remain in effect.

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