



SOBERANES FIRE



Los Padres National Forest
DAILY UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 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: 108,031 acres (70,285 acres CA-LPF; 37,194 acres CAL FIRE)

Containment: 57% Personnel: 1,437 Cause: Illegal campfire Injuries: 1 fatality, 6 injuries

Table with 4 columns: Structures Destroyed, Structures Threatened, Crews, Engines, Helicopters, Dozers, Masticators, Water Tenders. Values include 57 homes, 11 outbuildings, 410 threatened, 21 crews, 89 engines, 19 helicopters, 9 dozers, 2 masticators, 11 water tenders.

Current Situation:

Crews on the east side of the fire are making good progress with their "burnout" operations. They are moving northwest along Chews Ridge toward the goal of connecting the "indirect" fireline to the existing containment line north of the Los Padres Dam.

Expect to see air tankers dropping fire retardant adjacent to indirect line in the coming days, making fuels unreceptive to windborne embers that might fly across the fireline.

On the southern coastal side of the fire, crews continue to secure and improve established containment lines.

The fire is currently 57% contained. As the burnout operations progress and the indirect line is strengthened, the containment percentage will continue to rise.

The public is asked to avoid driving up Laurel Springs Road as it is currently experiencing heavy traffic from fire equipment supporting the burnout. It is also the only way out for emergency vehicles that may need to leave the area quickly.

All evacuation orders and warnings remain in effect.

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