



SOBERANES FIRE



Los Padres National Forest DAILY UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 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: 108,441 acres (71,247 acres CA-LPF; 37,194 acres CAL FIRE)

Containment: 59% **Personnel:** 1,942 **Cause:** Illegal campfire **Injuries:** 1 fatality, 7 injuries

Structures Destroyed: 57 homes, 11 outbuildings	Structures Threatened: 410	Crews: 20	Engines: 133
Helicopters: 19	Dozers: 9	Masticators: 2	Water Tenders: 11

Current Situation:

Favorable weather continues to support the planned burnout operations on the east side of the Soberanes Fire. Crews on Friday burned out areas on the east side of Chews Ridge to extend the indirect fire line* toward the Los Padres Dam. Burnout operations** have completed approximately 4 miles of line.

Today, operations will continue north from Bear Trap towards Los Padres Dam. Structure protection is in place within the immediate area.

The incident strategy is personnel and public safety, while protecting values at risk in the remote, rugged terrain of the Soberanes Fire area. Additional resources are in place to support the current operations.

As temperatures continues to rise and the relative humidity decreases, fire activity will increase. With increased fire activity the public can expect to see additional smoke in the fire area.

The fire is 59% contained. As the burnout operations progress and the indirect line is strengthened, the containment percentage will continue to rise.

Laurel Springs Road continues to have heavy use of fire equipment traffic. The public is advised to avoid the road.

All evacuation orders and warnings remain in effect.

For more information, visit: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4888/> or follow us on social media at www.facebook.com/LosPadresNationalForest or www.twitter.com/LosPadresNF.

*Indirect fire line is a fire line constructed away from the hot edge of the fire.

**Burnout is intentionally burning vegetation from the indirect fire line.