



# SOBERANES FIRE

## DAILY UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2016



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**Incident:** The Soberanes Fire is burning in the Los Padres National Forest, Ventana Wilderness, in Monterey County, CA. An illegal campfire started the fire on July 22, 2016, in Garrapata State Park.

**Agency Jurisdiction:** CAL FIRE San Benito-Monterey Unit/Los Padres National Forest.

**Incident Command:** Central Coast Interagency Incident Management Team, Van Arroyo, Incident Commander.

**Current Size:** 132,069 acres (94,875 acres Los Padres National Forest; 37,194 acres CAL FIRE)

**Containment:** 92% **Personnel:** 1,162 **Cause:** Illegal campfire **Injuries:** 1 fatality, 8 injuries

<b>Structures Destroyed:</b> 57 homes, 11 outbuildings	<b>Structures Threatened:</b> 410	<b>Crews:</b> 24	<b>Engines:</b> 33
<b>Helicopters:</b> 15	<b>Dozers:</b> 5	<b>Masticators:</b> 4	<b>Water Tenders:</b> 5

### Current Situation:

Because of a change in the method of calculation, the official fire acreage today is 132,069, up from 129,395 reported yesterday. The new number reflects islands and fingers of unburned forest within the fire perimeter. The number now reflects all land within the fire perimeter. The change in calculating acreage does not affect containment percentage.

Portions of the islands and fingers will continue to burn throughout the life of the incident. That burning is not anticipated to threaten established containment lines. The public may still see smoke due to the isolated pockets of burning within the interior. However, due to the remoteness of the wilderness and the decreased amount of fire, smoke impacts will be reduced. Firefighters will continue to monitor the contained fire and be prepared to attack any flare-ups until there is no active fire within the containment lines.

Incident management today revised the estimated containment date. The new date is October 15, a change from September 30. The managers revised the date after considering progress on the fire and projected upcoming weather. Recent progress has been remarkable with containment at 92%, up from 52 percent about two weeks ago.

Firefighters have completed a containment line around 168 miles of the fire perimeter. Construction of an additional 14 miles of line will fully contain the fire.

Projected high and erratic winds today are likely to provide another test for the containment lines and firefighters, which have withstood numerous similar challenges. The greatest pressure is in drainages that align with the winds. The Arroyo Seco area falls in that category.

Smoke popped up again on Thursday in areas that have been cold for several weeks. Those incidents illustrate that the fire is still active and requires careful monitoring. The new indications of heat are within the containment lines.

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