



SOBERANES FIRE

DAILY UPDATE: OCTOBER 1, 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:** 1,030 **Cause:** Illegal campfire **Injuries:** 1 fatality, 8 injuries

Structures Destroyed: 57 homes, 11 outbuildings	Structures Threatened: 410	Crews: 17	Engines: 31
Helicopters: 15	Dozers: 5	Masticators: 4	Water Tenders: 3

Community Meeting:

The Central Coast Interagency Incident Management Team, in conjunction with cooperating agencies of the Soberanes Fire, will host a community meeting at 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1. The meeting will be held at the Arroyo Seco Fire Station and Community Center, 46700 Arroyo Road, Greenfield, Calif. A current update will be given about the fire and questions will be answered.

Current Situation:

There were no significant events to report Friday with no increase in acreage or perimeter growth. Hotshot crews remain busy working directly along the fireline from English Cabin to Church Ranch mopping up to increase the depth of perimeter in that area. The ridge above Big Sur showed no smoke during the day as helicopters equipped with infrared equipment sought out hotspots. Retardant drops were made to reinforce the containment line on the southwest finger of the fire along the Coast Ridge Road in anticipation of strong winds this weekend. Suppression repair crews are working all along the Coast Ridge Road cleaning up dozer and hand lines. Work is underway through Rodeo Flats and southeast of the fire on contingency lines, which are fuel breaks that were previously constructed when there was the possibility of the fire spreading.

Portions of islands and fingers of unburned vegetation 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 isolated pockets of burning within the interior. However, due to the remoteness of these 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.

The dry cold front moved into the area later than expected late Friday night but it brought a strong push of northwest winds and cooler temperatures. Winds Saturday morning will be northwest to northeast between 20-25 mph with gusts up to 30 mph impacting the fire area. The winds will shift to northwest 15-25 mph in the afternoon with cool but dry air mixing for relative humidities in the teens. Another front will move through Sunday with stronger winds but cooler temperatures and significantly higher relative humidities, which will contribute to decreased fire behavior.

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