



SOBERANES FIRE

DAILY UPDATE: OCTOBER 2, 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: 132,082 acres (94,888 acres Los Padres National Forest; 37,194 acres CAL FIRE)

Containment: 92% **Personnel:** 1,186 **Cause:** Illegal campfire **Injuries:** 1 fatality, 9 injuries

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| Structures Destroyed: 57 homes, 11 outbuildings | Structures Threatened: 410 | Crews: 22 | Engines: 25 |
| Helicopters: 15 | Dozers: 5 | Masticators: 4 | Water Tenders: 4 |

Current Situation:

Hotshot crews were busy Friday catching the fire as it moved slowly (creeping and smoldering) in the English Cabin area. The fire was able to expand about a quarter of an acre before firefighters were able to catch it and get a hose lay around it. On nearly an 8-mile stretch of fireline from English Cabin to Church Ranch, hotshot crews worked on mop-up and expanding the width of the perimeter. Helicopters, equipped with buckets to drop water, supported crews as they constructed containment lines between stretches of cold black areas where no hotspots were discovered and areas of hot line. Hotshot crews who had completed their 14-day assignment yesterday were replaced with fresh hotshot crews to continue the work.

Another flare up was noticed well within the containment lines on the west side of the fire but fire managers were able to get firefighters on the ground to extinguish it. Along the eastern flank, crews continued to mop-up, back-haul excess equipment and patrol for hotspots.

Suppression repair, which is fixing things that were damaged while putting the fire out such as gates, fences and roads continued yesterday. It also includes pulling vegetation back onto dozer lines and hand lines that were cleared down to mineral soil for use as firebreaks and contingency lines. This repair work is well underway on the western, southern and northeastern perimeters of the fire.

The next cold front will move in today, approaching from the north, and will be stronger than Saturday's. The morning will start off sunny and clear but north winds 10-15 mph will bring in clouds causing the temperatures to drop and the relative humidity to rise by early afternoon. Once the front moves through it will remain cool and cloudy. No measurable rain is forecast for the fire area Sunday, but a drizzle or mist will develop making things damp.

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