



SOBERANES FIRE

DAILY UPDATE: OCTOBER 4, 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: 132,092 acres (94,898 acres Los Padres National Forest; 37,194 acres CAL FIRE)

Containment: 95% **Personnel:** 1,069 **Cause:** Illegal campfire **Injuries:** 1 fatality, 9 injuries

Structures Destroyed: 57 homes, 11 outbuildings	Structures Threatened: 410	Crews: 16	Engines: 23
Helicopters: 15	Dozers: 7	Masticators: 4	Water Tenders: 3

Current Situation:

Effective this morning at 8 a.m., the Monterey County Sheriff's Department has modified the evacuation order for Tassajara Road from Chews Ridge south to the end of the road at Tassajara Hot Springs. This area will now be reduced to an evacuation warning. The Monterey Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest remains closed to public access.

Fire managers are confident in the work completed by hotshot crews over the weekend and have marked the perimeter on the map from English Cabin to Church Ranch with black line to indicate containment.

Hotshot crews were successfully inserted into the Calaboos Creek and Miller Creek areas to work directly on the fire line eliminating hotspots along the fire's edge. This work will be the same as what was accomplished between English Cabin and Church Ranch.

The fire is hung up in the steep rocky areas north of Ventana Cone where it hasn't moved in several days. This is patrolled daily by helicopters to keep fire managers apprised of the situation. Smoldering fuels and a persistent burning log along the North Fork of the Big Sur River, prevents our ability to mark that portion of the fire's perimeter as contained.

Crews continue to haul excess equipment, pull hose, and water pumps off of the line on the northeastern flank of the fire. Suppression repair is underway in this area and along the fire line towards the Arroyo Seco area. Firefighters will continue to patrol these areas as they assist with suppression repair efforts. Hoselays south of Arroyo Seco will remain until fire managers are sure they are no longer needed. Suppression repair is also on hold in this area until dozer lines and hand lines are no longer necessary.

A major wood chipping effort is underway along the Coast Ridge Road to eliminate piles of cut trees and brush left over from constructing a firebreak along the ridge. Berms have been removed from the edges of dozer lines to eliminate the water-channeling effect. Water bars have been constructed to divert runoff from firelines. This dirt work will be covered with the chipped vegetation to lessen surface and gully erosion and to restore conditions to pre-fire drainage patterns.

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