



SOBERANES FIRE

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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: 96% **Personnel:** 1,022 **Cause:** Illegal campfire **Injuries:** 1 fatality, 9 injuries

Structures Destroyed: 57 homes, 11 outbuildings, **Structures Threatened:** 410, **Crews:** 20, **Engines:** 23

Helicopters: 13, **Dozers:** 7, **Water Tenders:** 3

Current Situation:

The Soberanes Fire is no longer affecting California Highway 1. The road is open through Big Sur from Monterey to San Luis Obispo.

Helicopters with infrared cameras identified hotspots in the Miller Creek and Calaboos Creek area Tuesday. They guided hotshot crews to the locations so they could extinguish them. This work will continue for the next several days. Warm, dryer weather moving into the fire area through the weekend will make these spots more prominent and easier for firefighters identify.

Containment line continues to progress around the finger of fire extending southeast from Church Ranch, lessening chance of the fire to spread. Firefighters began removing the structure defense equipment around the Tassajara Zen center. This decision is in conjunction with the Monterey County Sheriff's Department reducing the evacuation order for the area to a warning yesterday morning.

Small amounts of smoke are visible from the steep, rocky areas north of Ventana Cone where the fire hasn't moved in several days. This is patrolled daily by helicopters to keep fire managers apprised of the situation. Smoldering fuels along the North Fork of the Big Sur River persist. The public needs to be aware that as warm, dryer weather moves into the area this week, more areas well within the interior of the perimeter will continue to smolder. This will happen until a season ending rain saturates the area.

With most of the excess equipment removed, crews are busy with suppression repair along the northeastern side of the fire. The fire resistant material wrapped around the Chews Lookout has been removed. Firefighters will continue to patrol the Arroyo Seco area, and the suppression equipment will remain until fire managers are confident that there is no possibility of the fire spreading from the Calaboos Creek area. Suppression repair is also on hold in this area until dozer lines and hand lines are no longer necessary.

The repair of contingency lines through the Rodeo Flats area on the southern extent is complete. Crews are now starting to work north on dozer lines along Indians Road. Work is also underway on the contingency lines from Arroyo Seco Road south towards Fort Hunter Liggett.

The Monterey Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest remains closed to public access.

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