



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: 132,100 acres (94,906 acres Los Padres National Forest; 37,194 acres CAL FIRE)

Containment: 98% **Personnel:** 776 **Cause:** Illegal campfire **Injuries:** 1 fatality, 11 injuries

Structures Destroyed: 57 homes, 11 outbuildings, **Structures Threatened:** 20, **Crews:** 9, **Engines:** 18

Helicopters: 10, **Dozers:** 7, **Water Tenders:** 30

Current Situation:

Very dry weather with warm temperatures and wind gusts up to 15mph sparked a flare up near Marble Peak yesterday in a small pocket of unburned vegetation. Smoke may be visible from Big Sur. Hotshot crews have been dispatched to extinguish the fire. Interior hot spots may exhibit active fire behavior as warming and drying trends continue through the weekend. Inland valley temperatures are likely to reach the upper 80s to lower 90s. Relative humidities will drop and be accompanied by light to moderate winds.

Suppression repair continues as four more excavators began repairing culverts in the east zone. Road engineers from the Sierra National Forest completed a road bed assessment yesterday and planning on road maintenance is underway. Out of 380 miles of fireline needing suppression repair work, 249 miles (65 percent) have been completed. Chipping of felled trees and piles of brush is continuing along the Coast Ridge Road. Crews are working their way north on dozer lines along Indians Road. Contingency lines from Arroyo Seco Road south towards Fort Hunter Liggett are being repaired.

The public should be aware that smoldering areas will continue to put up smoke, but are well within the fire perimeter. This will likely continue until a season ending rain saturates the area. Two hot spots are within the steep, rocky areas north of Ventana Cone and the deep canyons in the upper reaches of the Big Sur River. Additional pockets of unburned vegetation remain and may continue to burn. These areas are patrolled daily by helicopters to keep fire managers apprised of the situation.

The Monterey Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest remains closed to public access. The Soberanes Fire is no longer affecting California Highway 1. The road is open through Big Sur from Monterey to San Luis Obispo.

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