



For Immediate Release  
Date: July 9, 2017 AM

**Whittier Fire**      **Location:** West of Goleta, Santa Barbara County, Los Padres National Forest.

<b>Acres Burned:</b>	7,800	<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	150
<b>Containment:</b>	5%	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	20
<b>Fire Started:</b>	July 8, 2017	<b>Injuries:</b>	0
<b>Cause:</b>	Under investigation		

**Total personnel assigned to the fire:** 400 and expected to increase today as resources arrive.

### Summary

The Whittier Fire began on July 8th, and is burning along State Highway 154 in the Lake Cachuma Area. Firefighters from the US Forest Service, Santa Barbara County Fire, and many other local agencies are responding. It is currently estimated at 7,800 acres and 5% contained. Residents in the area should be aware of this fire, and read and heed the evacuation warnings below. A Type 1 Incident Management Team has been requested to manage this fire, and will be arriving today. The incident command post will be at Dos Pueblos High School.

### **Mandatory Evacuation Order has been issued for:**

- Highway I54 from Armour Ranch Road on the west to Paradise Road on the east.
- W. Camino Cielo from the Winchester Gun Club east to Highway 154
- Kinevan Road
- Farren Road

If you are in this area you are advised to leave immediately. If you are not in this area, avoid the area and Highway 154 entirely. Highway 154 is closed from 246 to Foothill Road.

### **An Evacuation Warning has been issued for:**

- Las Varas Canyon east to Winchester Canyon and from Highway 101 North to W. Camino Cielo.
- Paradise Road from 154 to the first river crossing.

Anyone in this area should be gathering family members, pets, important documents and irreplaceable items and be prepared to leave. People with special needs should evacuate now. Large animals should be evacuated now.

### **Evacuation Shelter Information:**

The south evacuation shelter is open at San Marcos High School, 4750 Hollister Ave., Goleta.

A north evacuation shelter is open at Santa Ynez Elementary, 3325 Pine Street, Santa Ynez.

For animal evacuation questions and offers of assistance, call the Animal Services hotline at (805) 681-4332.

On the south side, pet owners with small animals that can be evacuated may be brought to the Santa Barbara Humane Society at 5399 Overpass Road, Santa Barbara.

Call the hotline for assistance with large animal evacuations.

**Roads and Highways:** Hwy 154 is closed from State Route 246 to Foothill Road.

**Fire Weather:** Temperatures are forecast to begin to moderate. The early morning marine layer benefited firefighting efforts.

**Drones:** While there has been no drone activity over the fire, drones interfere with firefighting efforts. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has issued a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) that is in effect and any private aircraft or drone that violates the TFR could face serious criminal charges. Even without a TFR, anyone who hampers firefighting efforts could face criminal charges as well. For more information on drones the public can visit the FAA's website at [www.KnowBeforeYouFly.org](http://www.KnowBeforeYouFly.org). "If you fly, we can't!" For additional, Santa Barbara County residents can call 211, contact the Fire Information Line at 805-895-0841, or visit Santa Barbara County online at [countyofsb.org](http://countyofsb.org).

**Fire Information: (805) 895-0841**

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