



ZACA INCIDENT FACT SHEET



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Wednesday, July 18, 2007 8:00 AM

Incident Name: Zaca Fire

Location: 15 miles Northeast of Buellton, Santa Barbara County

Command Team: Unified Command with: **Los Padres National Forest and Santa Barbara County Fire**

Start Date & Report Time: July 4, 2007 @ 10:53 AM

Acres: 28,000 Acres

Percent Containment: 35 percent

Estimated Control: No Estimate

Resources: Hand Crews: 51; Dozers: 34; Engines: 66; Air Tankers: 6; Helicopters: 17; Water Tenders: 25; Overhead Personnel: 305; Total Personnel: 1,756; Injuries: 6; Structures Threatened: 50; Estimated Cost-to-Date: \$21,100,000

Evacuations: At 8:00 pm last night the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's office, in conjunction with the Incident Management Team, updated the following order and warning which are still in effect:

Evacuation Order

The Evacuation Order issued by the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department remains in effect for the residents of Peachtree Canyon and areas within the Los Padres National Forest boundary. The Zaca Fire is at McKinley Ridge and continues to be a threat to life and property within the evacuation order area. Residents who live in or around the identified communities are advised to immediately evacuate. The Red Cross shelter at Santa Ynez High School was closed last night. The American Red Cross will provide emergency housing for those affected by the evacuation order by calling 1 (800) 951-5600. If residents are unable to evacuate and need assistance, call 911.

Evacuation Warning

An Evacuation Warning remains in effect for the following areas: Residents East of Figueroa Road, North of Roblar, East of Mora, North of Baseline Avenue, and West of the Los Padres National Forest boundary. The communities of Tunnel Ranch, Rancho De Los Vistadores, and the Sedgwick Ranch are now included in the warning area. The Zaca Fire is a potential threat to life and property. Residents living in these identified areas should prepare for evacuation. An Evacuation Order may be issued as a result of the fires threat.

Current Closures: Santa Barbara County Fire Officials have ordered the following road closures:

- Happy Canyon Road closed to the east at Baseline Road.
- Figueroa Mountain road closed to the east at Highway 154

Los Padres National Forest Officials have ordered the following forest closures:

- The expanded forest closure is still in effect. The expanded closure encompasses the entire San Rafael Wilderness and adjacent National Forest land roughly from Highway 166 on the north to the Buckhorn Road area on the south. The 382,000 acre area will be closed until further notice. This closure will limit access to the San Rafael Wilderness in order to insure the safety of citizens and fire personnel.

Significant Events: The evacuation order issued on July 17, 2007 at 8:00pm was revised to include only the areas of Peachtree Canyon and the affected areas of the Los Padres National Forest.

Contact the Zaca Fire Information Line at 805-961-5770 for current conditions.



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Current Situation: The fire is still burning in an easterly direction in the San Rafael Wilderness. The widening fire front on the east and southeast portions of the fire will set a stage for another active burning day. No significant activity on the northern flank is expected as the Hurricane Deck continues to hold. A predicted wind shift to east/northeast winds is predicted to occur tonight with an increasing threat to the southern portion of the fire and the adjacent communities. Work in the wilderness continues to be a challenge due to the steep and rugged terrain. All efforts are being made to protect natural and cultural resources. Bulldozers will continue to construct contingency lines outside the wilderness boundary. Public and firefighter safety remains the top priority.

Safety Message: Residents should use caution when evacuating. Travelers using SR-154, please be cautious of firefighting equipment and personnel. Fire Information fact sheets and display boards are placed throughout the Santa Ynez and Santa Maria Valley's to keep the communities updated on the fire status.

Media Message: Due to the expanded forest closure, media must be escorted by a PIO. Information Officers will be available to provide an escort to an operations approved location. Media will need to check in at the Incident Command Post at Live Oak Camp for an escorted media tour at 11:00 am.

Additional Information: The fire has potential for increased growth and extended duration of wildfire suppression activities. Depending on wind conditions, smoke from the Zaca Fire may be visible over a wide area with occasional drift smoke as far away as Santa Barbara, Goleta or other areas of the county. If you need more information please contact the Zaca Fire Information Line at 805-961-5770 or go to www.fire.ca.gov, www.inciweb.org, or www.sbcfire.com

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