



THOMAS FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

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Date: 12/22/2017 Time: 7:00 PM

Ventura County Fire Information Line: 805-465-6650

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STATUS

Incident Start Date: 12/04/2017		Incident Start Time: 6:26 P.M.	
Incident Type: Wildland Fire		Cause: Under Investigation	
Incident Location: Santa Paula / Ventura		Expected Containment: 01/07/2018	
Total Acreage: 273,400		Containment: 65%	
Firefighter Fatalities: 1	Firefighter Injuries: 0	Civilian Injuries: 0	
Total Cost To Date: \$177,183,000.00			
Structures Threatened: 18,000	Single Family Residences Destroyed: 775	Single Family Residences Damaged: 208	
Multiple Residence Destroyed: 2	Mixed Commercial/Residential Destroyed: 2		
Commercial Structures Destroyed: 19	Other Minor Structures Destroyed: 265	Other Minor Structures Damaged: 59	

RESOURCES

Engines: 171	Water Tenders: 38	Helicopters: 26	Air Tankers: 0	Hand Crews: 63
Dozers: 21	Other: 5	Total Personnel: 2841		

SITUATION

Current Situation:	<p>The dry cold front moved through the area on December 20 and was replaced by weak offshore flow. Winds gusting to 50 miles per hour tested firelines in the south, with no notable fire activity in the Montecito area, Camino Cielo or Fillmore. A persistent offshore flow will bring low relative humidity and above average temperatures to the fire area for several days. Fire behavior will increase over the next few days with the lowering relative humidity.</p> <p>The fire area has not received any rainfall over .10 inches since February. Live fuel conditions are far below critical levels. ERCs have dipped with the recent humidity recovery but will begin to increase with continued offshore flow.</p> <p>Crews are mopping the Camino Cielo to strengthen the fireline there. To the north of Camino Cielo, crews will patrol the fire line in the Zaca fire area, and monitor fire spread where line construction has not been possible due to very rough terrain. The firing operation from the past few days will be mopped up and patrolled.</p>
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North of the community of Fillmore fire behavior has been minimal where it has backed into the Sespe drainage. Fire spread east of Rose Valley to Bear Haven will be monitored by air. Fire spread has been minimal in this area for the last week, with IR information corroborating that intel. To the north, the fire is slowly moving through the Sespe Wilderness and Bear Haven area, where it is being closely monitored. Carpinteria, the Ojai Valley area, and Highway 126 between Highway 150 and Fillmore are all in patrol status and will transition to unstaffed.

On 12/22 at 6PM California Incident Management Team 4 and California Interagency Incident Management Team 4 will transfer command of the Thomas fire to California Interagency Incident Management Team 3.

Mandatory Evacuations:	<p>SANTA BARBARA COUNTY NONE</p> <p>UNINCORPORATED VENTURA COUNTY NONE</p>
Voluntary Evacuations	<p>VENTURA COUNTY The residents on Hwy 33 between Rose Valley north to Hartman Ranch remain under voluntary evacuation warning due to fire activity in the nearby area.</p>
Cooperating Agencies:	<p>CAL FIRE, Ventura County Fire, Ventura County Sheriff, Santa Barbara County Fire, Santa Barbara County Sheriff, Santa Barbara City Fire, City of Ventura Fire, Oxnard Fire Department, Oxnard Police Department, City of Ventura Police Department, USFS/Los Padres National Forest, CAL OES, Red Cross, Southern California Edison, CHP, California Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation, SoCalGas, Santa Paula Police, Santa Paula Fire, Ventura County OES, Santa Barbara OEM, Montecito Fire, Carpinteria – Summerland Fire, California Conservation Corp, Cal Trans</p>

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 For more fire information go to <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5670>