



INCIDENT UPDATE

CAL FIRE San Luis Obispo and United States Forest Service



For Immediate Release

Date: August 17st, 2015 8:00 AM

Cuesta Fire **Location:** East of Highway 101 on the Cuesta grade 8 miles north of San Luis Obispo City.

Acres Burned:	100	Structures Threatened:	1
Containment:	10%	Structures Destroyed:	0
Fire Started:	August 16 th , 2015 at 6:18pm	Injuries:	0
Cause:	Vehicle		

Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 250

Summary

Fire crews made good progress through the night on line construction on the north eastern edge of the fire. The fire remained active over the night with down canyon winds and isolated torching. Today crews will continue construction of control lines working in very rugged and steep terrain with drought stricken vegetation. Today's priorities will be keeping the fire out of the Santa Lucia Wilderness, protecting the power lines and communication towers threatened by the fire. In areas where containment lines are established crews will continue with mop-up operations and extinguishing hot spots. Air resources will support ground crew as soon as visibility allow for safe aerial operations.

The communities surrounding the Cuesta Fire can expect to see smoke throughout the day and into the evening. Outdoor activities should be planned for times when smoke levels are low. Upslope winds occur during the day, which will often take smoke into higher elevations. In the evening these winds change direction and bring smoke back downslope and in to the valley. Nightly percent of all fires in California are caused by people. Three fires were sparked yesterday on US Highway 101 and Highway 41 (Grade, Cuesta, and Cholame) by a single vehicle. Learn how to prevent vehicle caused wildfires by visiting "Preventwildfireca.org"

Evacuations

None

Road Closures

East Cuesta Road from US Highway 101, West Cuesta Road from US Highway 101, slow lane of US Highway 101, TV Tower Road.