



Tassajara Incident Update



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Date: 9/22/2015 Time: 8:00 AM

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STATUS

Incident Start Date: 9/19/2015		Incident Start Time: 3:00 PM	
Incident Type: Vegetation		Cause: Under Investigation	
Incident Location: Tassajara Rd. at Carmel Valley Rd.			
Acreage: 1086 Acres		Containment: 65%	
Expected Containment: N/A		Injuries: 1 Civilian Fatality	
Structures Threatened: 0	Structures Destroyed: 11 Residences, 7 Outbuildings		Structures Damaged: 1 Residence

RESOURCES

Engines: 44	Water Tenders:	Helicopters: 2	Air Tankers: 0	Hand Crews: 29
Dozers: 7	Other:	Total Personnel: 754		

Cooperating Agencies: Monterey County Sheriff, USFS Los Padres, CHP, Red Cross, Monterey County Regional FPD, CAL Trans, Cachaqua FPD, OES, SPCA of Monterey County, Monterey County EOC, PG&E, Monterey County Public Works, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

SITUATION

Current Situation:	The stronger onshore flow will bring much needed relief to the Tassajara Fire area. The weather will be mild over the next few days however it will remain dry and windy. Temperatures will rise and humidity's will lower later in the week. Firefighters will continue to mop up and patrol, making sure hot spots are mitigated and control lines are strengthened. The Oak woodland, with dead understory, as well as the heavy brush created extreme fire behavior during this fire. Damage inspection teams will continue to assess structure damage within the fire area today. The reduction in the number of single residences destroyed is due to data validation. The Laureles Fire is 95 acres and 100% contained.
Evacuations:	Evacuation orders and advisories have been resinded outside of the fire perimeter. An Evacuation Order still remains in effect within the fire perimeter on Tassajara Road, Cachagua Road
Evacuation Centers:	Carmel Middle School @ 4380 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA 93923 will close as of 8:00 AM today, Tuesday, September 22 nd .
Road Closures:	Cachaqua Road at Madrone Road, Poppy Tree Lane at Buckeye Road, Tassajara Road, east of Buckeye Road (Tassajara Road closed at fire perimeter to north traffic), Tassajara Road, south of East Carmel Valley Road (Tassajara Road closed at fire perimeter to south traffic) and East Carmel Valley Road, south of Tassajara Road near fire perimeter will have one-lane traffic control due to fire equipment operating in the area.

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