



ZACA FIRE UPDATE



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Friday, August 3, 2007 8:00 AM Fire Information Line - (805) 961-5770

Incident Name: Zaca Fire **Location:** 15 miles northeast of Buellton, Santa Barbara County

Joint Unified Incident Management Teams: Los Padres National Forest and Santa Barbara County Fire Dept

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

Acres: 38,400 Acres **Percent Containment:** 70 percent **Estimated Containment** September 7, 2007

Resources: Hand Crews: 40; Dozers: 11; Engines: 29; Water Tenders: 27; Helicopters: 7-Type 1, 6-Type 2 and 3-Type 3; Air Tankers: 8 on order; Air Attack: 2; Total Personnel: 1,494; Injuries: 12; Structures Threatened: 14; Fireline-to-Build: 15 miles; Estimated Cost-to-Date: \$42.8 million

Current Forest and Road Closures:

- Happy Canyon Road is **closed** at Los Padres National Forest boundary.
- Figueroa Mountain Road is **closed** at the Los Padres National Forest boundary.
- East Camino Cielo is **closed** between Painted Cave Road and Gibraltar Road due to fire equipment traffic.
- Paradise Road is **closed** at First Crossing.
- For travelers driving on San Marcos Pass (Hwy 154) tune to 1040 AM.
- Los Padres National Forest Closure information and map are available at www.inciweb.org.

Significant Events: An EVACUATION ORDER continues for the Peachtree Community. The status of the order is being re-evaluated daily. An EVACUATION WARNING remains in place for Happy Canyon Road north of Baseline Avenue, including the ranches between Lake Cachuma and McKinley Ridge. The Los Padres National Forest **expanded closure** is in effect. The closure area is approximately 649,000 acres and is between Hwy 166 in northern Santa Barbara County and Highway 33 and Matilija Canyon in Ventura County. Detailed information on the closure can be found at www.inciweb.org or at your local Forest Service Office.

Current Situation: Fire activity in Black Canyon was visible last night from the Santa Ynez Valley and Hwy 154. The fire was active through the night due to the evening down slope winds and low humidity. The fire is expected to remain active above the morning inversion layer. Islands of unburned fuel continue to burn within the fire perimeter. Direct hand line construction will continue into Mission Pine Basin and adjacent to Black Canyon south of Santa Cruz Peak. The hand line at the head of Peachtree Canyon continues to hold. Dozers continue to reinforce contingency lines in the existing fuel breaks near Paradise Rd. Structure protection groups are in place in the Peachtree and Paradise areas and continue working on improvements around structures.

Safety Message: Travelers using SR-154, please be cautious of firefighting equipment and personnel. Paradise Road, Gibraltar Road, Painted Cave Road and East Camino Cielo residents are also asked to be cautious of firefighting equipment and personnel.

Additional Information: In light of the current weather conditions and fire behavior, 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.

Approved by Unified Incident Commanders:

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