



ZACA FIRE UPDATE



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Friday, August 3, 2007 8:00 PM

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: 44,400 Acres

Percent Containment: 60 percent

Estimated Containment September 7, 2007

Resources: Hand Crews: 41; 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: 1,491; Injuries: 12; Structures Threatened: 453; Fireline-to-Build: 15 miles; Estimated Cost-to-Date: \$44.8 million

Significant Events: An EVACUATION ORDER has been issued for Paradise Road and Lower Santa Ynez River Road to Gibraltar Dam. The Evacuation Order includes the Paradise Road Community, Santa Ynez Road Recreational Areas to Gibraltar Dam, Los Prietos Boys Camp and the Rancho Oso Guest Ranch. 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: The fire made a significant run to the southeast today, burning on Old Man Mountain, running down the Santa Cruz drainage, bumping up against Buckhorn Ridge and reaching Little Pine Mountain. It did not cross contingency lines at Old Man Mountain Road. Residents and visitors along Paradise Road were evacuated by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department. A section of Highway 154 is closed temporarily in order to safely conduct the evacuations. Heavy smoke and ash were visible throughout the Central Coast. 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.

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.

Safety Message: Travelers using SR-154, please be cautious of firefighting equipment and personnel. 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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