



ZACA FIRE UPDATE



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Sunday, August 5, 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: 56,200 Acres **Percent Containment:** 70 percent **Estimated Containment** September 7, 2007

Resources: Hand Crews: 66; Dozers: 15; Engines: 120; Water Tenders: 27; Helicopters: 7-Type 1, 6-Type 2 and 4-Type 3; Air Tankers: 8; Air Attack: 2; **Total Personnel:** 2,302; **Injuries:** 12; **Structures Threatened:** 515; **Fireline-to-Build:** 36 miles; **Estimated Cost-to-Date:** \$47.1 million

Significant Events: An EVACUATION ORDER for Paradise Road and Lower Santa Ynez River Road to Gibraltar Dam remains in effect. 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. 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 reached Happy Hollow Guard Station, Old Man Mountain and Alexander Peak on the southwest side of the fire, and is continuing to burn to the northeast and south. Fire line to north continues to hold along the Mission Pine trail with the support of air tankers and hand crews. Due to the spread of the fire in both directions, and increasing complexity, two Type 1 National Incident Management teams and an Area Command Team have been ordered. A second fire camp will be set up in New Cuyama to support fire suppression efforts in the northeastern part of the fire. A section of Highway 154 remains closed. Smoke columns were visible throughout the Central Coast. The fire 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. Engine companies and hand crews will begin working in the communities of Camino Cielo today to familiarize themselves with the area.

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 within the Evacuation Order Area and is currently closed.
- Hwy 154 is closed to general traffic between Foothill Road and Hwy 246. Travelers driving on San Marcos Pass (Hwy 154) should 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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