



ZACA FIRE UPDATE



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Tuesday, August 7, 2007 6:00 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: 71,300 Acres **Percent Containment:** 68 percent **Estimated Containment** September 7, 2007

Resources: Hand Crews: 70; Dozers: 17; Engines: 111; Water Tenders: 29; Helicopters: 15; Air Tankers: 8; Air Attack: 2; **Total Personnel:** 2,370; **Injuries:** 14; **Structures Threatened:** 515; **Fireline-to-Build:** 44 miles; **Estimated Cost-to-Date:** \$54.6 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 Road, 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 north and east flanks of the fire remain difficult to contain due to the west winds, fire activity, and poor access. Direct fire line was successful in the south flank of the fire. The burning operation had little progress due to higher humidity. The Bluff, Doty, and the Santa Cruz historic cabins were saved with the work of crews preparing the structures with wrapping material and brush clearance. The fire line at the head of Peachtree Canyon continues to hold. Engine crews, hand crews, and dozers will continue improving contingency lines and preparing for structure protection.

A Cal-Fire base camp has been established at the Earl Warren Show Grounds. It will be the base camp for the "Front Country Support Group" or personnel and equipment that are currently preplanning for the Santa Barbara front communities on the south coast. This group will support current fire fighting resources that would be providing structure protection if the fire should threaten the above areas.

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.

Approved by Unified Incident Commanders:

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