

# ZACA FIRE UPDATE

## Thursday, August 9, 2007 8:00 AM

**Joint Unified Command:** USDA Forest Service/Los Padres NF and Santa Barbara Co. Fire Department  
**Information on the Web:** [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org) or [www.sbefore.com](http://www.sbefore.com) or [www.calfire.com](http://www.calfire.com)  
**Fire Information Phone Line:** (805) 961-5770

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Fire Status	Resources
<b>Acres Burned:</b> 74,000 <b>Acreage Increase (last 12 hours):</b> 750	<b>Crews:</b> 70
<b>Fireline to Build:</b> 54 miles	<b>Engines:</b> 130
<b>Date Started:</b> July 4, 2007 at 10:53 am	<b>Helicopters:</b> 17
<b>Percent Contained:</b> 72 percent	<b>Air Tankers:</b> 8 <b>Air Attack:</b> 2
<b>Expected Containment:</b> Sept. 7, 2007	<b>Dozers:</b> 18
<b>Injuries:</b> 15	<b>Water Tenders:</b> 38
<b>Structures Threatened:</b> 595 <b>Structures Destroyed:</b> 1 outbuilding	<b>Total Personnel Assigned:</b> 2,411 <b>Cost to Date:</b> \$56.8 million

### Current Situation:

The fire remained active in the east flank and Indian Creek Canyon areas due to lower humidity, a decreased marine layer and higher temperatures. Crews are improving contingency lines from Paradise Road to Gibraltar Dam. The Bluff, Doty and Santa Cruz historic cabins were saved thanks to crews who cleared brush and wrapped the structures. Crews also pretreated the historical Cold Springs Tavern and the Chumash Painted Cave sites. Firefighters will continue improving contingency lines and prepare for structure protection in the Paradise and Camino Cielo communities.

The fire has been very active in the Rattlesnake Canyon area, west of Salmon Peak and air tankers and helicopters made drops to prevent the fire from making a significant run. Today, southwesterly winds will continue to push the fire to the north and east. Air resources will drop water and retardant in Rattlesnake Canyon and firefighters will improve contingency lines along the east flank in preparation for burnout operations when conditions are acceptable.

### Forest and Area 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 and Gibraltar Road due to fire equipment traffic.
- Paradise Road is within the Evacuation Order Area and is closed.
- Hwy 154 is closed to general traffic between Foothill Road and the T-Bill Ranch. Travelers on Hwy 154 should watch for fire equipment and personnel, and tune to 1040 AM.
- 649,000 acres of the Los Padres National Forest are closed. Closure information and map are available at [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org)

### Evacuations:

An **Evacuation Order** is in effect for Peachtree, Paradise Road and Lower Santa Ynez River to Gibraltar Dam. This includes Paradise Road Community, Santa Ynez Road Recreational Area to Gibraltar Dam, Los Prietos Boys Camp, and the Rancho Oso Guest Ranch. There are no other evacuation orders or warnings in place.

### Other Announcements:

Santa Barbara County is asking for the public's help in gathering information about the County's vulnerable populations in the event of a possible evacuation due the Zaca Fire. If you have special physical and/or health needs and require assistance for a possible evacuation or you life-sustaining medical equipment, please call (805) 968-0462 between 8 am and 8 pm.