

ZACA FIRE UPDATE

Sunday, August 12, 2007 8:00 PM

Joint Unified Command: USDA Forest Service--Los Padres National Forest and Santa Barbara County Fire Department

On the Web: www.sbcfire.com or www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres or www.inciweb

Fire Information Phone Line: (805) 961-5770

Fire Status	Resources
Acres Burned: 86,063 acres	Crews: 67
Fireline to Build: 61 miles	Engines: 101
Date Started: July 4, 2007 at 10:53 am	Helicopters: 21
Percent Contained: 68 percent	Air Tankers: 8
Expected Containment: September 7, 2007	Air Attack: 2
Injuries: 25	Dozers: 30
Structures Threatened: 595	Water Tenders: 66
Structures Destroyed: 1 outbuilding	Total Personnel Assigned: 2,676
	Cost to Date: \$66.5 million

Current Situation:

Fire activity was very extreme today due to low humidity and higher temperatures. Humidity was recorded at one percent today at Ozena along Hwy 33. The fire made significant runs in the Sisquoc Canyon, Santa Barbara Canyon, Pine Canyon, Judell Canyon and Samon Peak areas. The vegetation in this area consists of very dense brush with no history of fire during the last 100 years. Significant smoke is drifting over the Cuyama Valley and into the San Joaquin Valley. Line construction along the Don Victor Valley Fire Trail from the west to Don Victor Valley and Potero Seco Ranch was suspended due to significant fire activity. Tomorrow, a backfire operation will begin along the northeast perimeter of the fire from Santa Barbara Canyon towards Sweetwater Ridge.

Firefighters working on the Don Victor Jeepway were supported by four drops of fire retardant, each consisting of 12,000 gallons, by the converted DC-10 airliner, Tanker 910. Aided by this support, firefighters continued to make significant progress building fireline on the south side of the fire. This direct attack tactic has been successful and has enabled the Live Oak Zone Incident Commander to continue postponing a decision to conduct firing operations along Camuesa Road. Crews will continue direct attack operations as long as they remain effective and safe. The fire remains established in the Indian Creek drainage of the Dick Smith Wilderness due to a combination of factors including the area topography, available fuel and the effects of the prevailing weather conditions. Contingency lines in the areas of Paradise, East Camino Cielo, the Sierra Madre Ridge, the Pendola Road, and Matilija Wilderness are nearing the desired level of completion. These lines will provide firefighters with suppression options that may be needed in the event of erratic or unpredictable fire behavior.

Forest, Road and Area Closures:

- Happy Canyon Road is **closed** at the Los Padres NF boundary.
- Figueroa Mountain Road is **closed** at the Los Padres NF boundary.
- East Camino Cielo is **closed** between Painted Cave Road and Gibraltar Road due to fire equipment traffic.
- Paradise Road is within the Evacuation Warning Area and is currently open to residents only.
- Los Padres NF closure information and map are available at www.inciweb.org or www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres.

Evacuations:

- The **EVACUATION ORDER** has been downgraded to an **EVACUATION WARNING** for **residents of the Paradise Road community, Los Prietos Boys Camp, Rancho Oso Guest Ranch and the Paradise Store.**
- The Santa Ynez River Recreation Area campgrounds, day use areas and trailheads remain closed.
- The Los Padres NF **expanded closure** is in effect between Hwy 166 in northern Santa Barbara County and Highway 33 and Matilija Canyon in Ventura County. Detailed information can be found at www.inciweb.org or at your local Forest Service office.