

ZACA FIRE UPDATE

Monday, August 13, 2007 8:00 AM

Joint Unified Command: 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: 94,522 acres	Crews: 69
Acres Increase (last 24 hours): 8,459 acres	Engines: 108
Fireline to Build: 81 miles	Helicopters: 21
Date Started: July 4, 2007 at 10:53 am	Air Tankers: 8
Percent Contained: 44 percent*	Air Attack: 2
Expected Containment: September 7, 2007	Dozers: 32
Injuries: 25	Water Tenders: 66
Structures Threatened: 595	Total Personnel Assigned: 2,719
Structures Destroyed: 1 outbuilding	Cost to Date: \$66.7 million

*The percent contained now reflects the control strategy for the entire fire, including the direct fire lines that have been completed and indirect fire lines that are in place and being improved. The fire has not jumped any containment lines and is still within the control objectives set by the Incident Commanders.

Current Situation:

Fire activity was very extreme yesterday due to low humidity and higher temperatures. Humidity was recorded at one percent yesterday at Ozena along Hwy 33. **Yesterday**, the fire made significant runs within the indirect fire lines 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. **Today**, extreme fire behavior is expected in the same areas as yesterday. **These areas are within the indirect fire lines.** When conditions are right, a backfire operation will begin along the northeast perimeter of the fire from Santa Barbara Canyon towards Sweetwater Ridge and from Santa Barbara Canyon towards Hwy 33. The backfire operation will continue for the next 5-7 days.

Containment line has been constructed on the south side of the fire all the way to the Dick Smith Wilderness. Establishing containment line across the Indian Creek drainage and then continuing north, along the east flank of the fire is the highest priority for the firefighting organization. This firefighting strategy has been successful and has enabled the Live Oak Zone Incident Commanders 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 Camino Cielo Fuel Break contingency line has been finished. Other contingency lines in the areas of Paradise, Camuesa Road, the Sierra Madre Ridge, Pendola Road and the Matilija Wilderness are nearing completion. These lines will provide firefighters with suppression options that may be needed in the event that changing conditions warrant such action.

Forest, Road 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 Road and Gibraltar Road due to fire equipment traffic.
- Paradise Road is within the Evacuation Warning Area and is currently **open to residents only**.
- The Los Padres National Forest **expanded closure** is in effect. It encompasses 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.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres or www.inciweb.org or your local Forest Service Office.

Evacuations:

- The **EVACUATION ORDER** for Paradise Road residents, Los Prietos Boys Camp, and the Rancho Oso Guest Ranch has been downgraded to an **EVACUATION WARNING**.
- The Santa Ynez River Road campgrounds, day use areas and trailheads remain closed.