

# ZACA FIRE UPDATE

## Monday, August 13, 2007 8:00 PM

**Joint Unified Command:** Los Padres National Forest and Santa Barbara County Fire Department  
**On the Web:** [www.sbcfire.com](http://www.sbcfire.com) or [www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres) or [www.inciweb](http://www.inciweb)  
**Fire Information Phone Line:** (805) 961-5770

Fire Status	Resources
<b>Acres Burned:</b> 96,606 acres	<b>Crews:</b> 71
<b>Acres Increase (last 12 hours):</b> 2,084 acres	<b>Engines:</b> 112
<b>Fireline to Build:</b> 24 miles	<b>Helicopters:</b> 20
<b>Date Started:</b> July 4, 2007 at 10:53 am	<b>Air Tankers:</b> 8
<b>Percent Contained:</b> 44 percent*	<b>Air Attack:</b> 2
<b>Expected Containment:</b> September 7, 2007	<b>Dozers:</b> 28
<b>Injuries:</b> 25	<b>Water Tenders:</b> 68
<b>Structures Threatened:</b> 595	<b>Total Personnel Assigned:</b> 2,652
<b>Structures Destroyed:</b> 1 outbuilding	<b>Cost to Date:</b> \$68.9 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:

The fire continued to burn actively today due to low humidity and higher temperatures. Significant visible smoke was generated today by unburned vegetation well inside the containment line to the west of Little Pine Mountain. Crews made good progress on the containment line in the Indian Creek drainage and north along the eastern flank of the fire. The wind direction continues to enable firefighters to build fireline with direct attack tactics. Crews will continue these operations as long as they remain effective and safe. To date, over 120 miles of containment line has been completed by firefighters. Tanker 910, the converted DC-10, made two additional drops on the fire today. It continues to be an effective tool in the line construction process.

On the northeast perimeter, the fire made significant runs in the Judell and Logan Canyon areas. The vegetation in this area consists of very dense brush with no history of fire during the last 100 years. Judell and Logan Canyons are within the indirect fire lines established. Late this afternoon, firefighters ignited a backfire beginning at Sweetwater Ridge and are working towards Santa Barbara Canyon. The backfire operation will continue for the next 5-7 days.

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](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres) or [www.inciweb.org](http://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.