

ZACA FIRE UPDATE

Tuesday, August 14, 2007 8:00 PM

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.org

Fire Information Phone Line: (805) 961-5770

Fire Status	Resources
Acres Burned: 103,720 acres	Crews: 72
Acres Increase (last 12 hours): 1,248 acres	Engines: 122
Fireline to Build: 26 miles	Helicopters: 21
Date Started: July 4, 2007 at 10:53 am	Air Tankers: 8
Percent Contained: 44 percent	Air Attack: 3
Expected Containment: September 7, 2007	Dozers: 35
Injuries: 27	Water Tenders: 68
Structures Threatened: 595	Total Personnel Assigned: 2,878
Structures Destroyed: 1 outbuilding	Cost to Date: \$71.4 million

Current Situation:

The Zaca Fire produced more visible smoke columns today. The fire was torching and running north and east of the Ogilvy fire scar from the late 1990's. Firefighters are also taking advantage of the lighter vegetation in the old Ogilvy burn by building fireline on the east side of the Don Victor Jeepway. Weather conditions will remain hot and dry. The National Weather Service "Red Flag Alert" will expire tonight at 9:00 p.m.

On the northeast perimeter of the fire, firefighters will continue to burnout vegetation between the fireline and the main fire which is actively burning in Logan, Alamar and Santa Barbara Canyon areas. The burnout is being conducted along Sierra Madre Ridge from Sweetwater Ridge to Highway 33. The backfire operation is still 10 miles from Hwy 33.

Contingency lines in the areas of Paradise, Camuesa Road, the Sierra Madre Ridge, Pendola Road, and the Matilija Wilderness are nearing completion. When completed, these lines will reduce the need for firing operations and will provide firefighters with other suppression options.

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 Zaca Fire Area Closure in Los Padres National Forest has been expanded to include additional lands in Santa Barbara, Ventura and Kern Counties. The expanded closure now encompasses approximately 888,000 acres including the entire San Rafael, Matilija and Chumash Wildernesses, a portion of the Sespe Wilderness and adjacent national forest lands. 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.

Donations to Firefighters:

Many individuals and businesses have expressed a desire to support and to show their appreciation to firefighters. Donations can be made to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation, www.wffoundation.org; Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, www.aarbf.org; or The American Red Cross, www.redcross.org.