

# ZACA FIRE UPDATE

**Wednesday, August 15, 2007 8:00 PM**

**Joint Unified Command:** Los Padres National Forest and Santa Barbara County Fire Department

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**Fire Information Phone Line:** (805) 961-5770

Fire Status	Resources
<b>Acres Burned:</b> 116,714 acres	<b>Crews:</b> 70
<b>Acreage Increase (last 24 hours):</b> 12,994 acres	<b>Engines:</b> 123
<b>Fireline to Build:</b> 16 miles	<b>Helicopters:</b> 28
<b>Date Started:</b> July 4, 2007 at 10:53 am	<b>Air Tankers:</b> 8
<b>Percent Contained:</b> 67 percent	<b>Air Attack:</b> 3
<b>Expected Containment:</b> September 7, 2007	<b>Dozers:</b> 32
<b>Injuries:</b> 29	<b>Water Tenders:</b> 71
<b>Structures Threatened:</b> 595	<b>Total Personnel Assigned:</b> 2,890
<b>Structures Destroyed:</b> 1 outbuilding	<b>Cost to Date:</b> \$73.4 million

## Current Situation:

Progress was made today building fireline through the 1997 Ogilvy burn area. The fire crossed the Mono Creek above the Ogilvy Ranch. Efforts are now focused on completing direct fireline from the Ogilvy Ranch area to the Hildreth Jeepway and to then to conduct firing from the Jeepway heading east toward Highway 33. Current strategies of direct attack will continue while fire managers review contingency plans and adjust suppression tactics as needed.

On the northern perimeter, firefighters continued a backfiring operation to burnout out vegetation between the fireline and the main fire which is actively burning in Sisquoc Cliff and Logan Canyons. Firefighters were successful in securing four miles of fireline along the Sierra Madre Ridge. The backfiring operation will continue tomorrow towards Highway 33. On the east perimeter, the fire continues to actively burn in the area known as the Narrows in Mono Canyon and is moving east towards the Matilija Wilderness. The active fire is still burning within the indirect fire lines that the incident commanders have established to contain this fire.

**Hwy 33 between Ojai and Cumaya may be impacted while firefighters conduct a firing operation to secure the fireline on the eastern perimeter of the fire. Incident Commanders are working with the California Highway Patrol in conjunction with Santa Barbara and Ventura County Sheriff Offices to develop a plan for traffic flow.**

Contingency lines in the areas of Paradise Road, Camuesa Road, the Sierra Madre Ridge, Pendola Road, and the Matilija Wilderness are completed. These lines may reduce the need for firing operations in those areas and will provide firefighters with other 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 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](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.