

ZACA FIRE UPDATE

Sunday, August 19, 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.org

Fire Information Phone Line: (805) 961-5770

Fire Status	Resources
Acres Burned: 188,035 acres	Crews: 74
Acres Increase (last 12 hours): 4,627 acres	Engines: 112
Fireline to Build: 3 miles	Helicopters: 23
Date Started: July 4, 2007 at 10:53 am	Air Tankers: 8
Percent Contained: 75 percent	Air Attack: 3
Expected Containment: September 7, 2007	Dozers: 39
Injuries: 30	Water Tenders: 78
Structures Threatened: 521	Total Personnel Assigned: 2,987
Structures Destroyed: 1 outbuilding	Cost to Date: \$ 81.9million

Headlines:

- At 10:00 am, Hwy 33 between Wheeler Gorge and Ventucopa will close to all traffic, including residents.
- The Ventura County Fire Department and the U.S. Forest Service will hold an information meeting on the Zaca Fire at 2:00 pm on Sunday at the Matilija Junior High, 703 El Paseo Road in Ojai.

Current Situation:

Yesterday, favorable winds allowed firefighters to conduct firing operations along the Pendola Jeepway and in the Ogilvy Ranch area. Good progress in this effort is helping to bring secure fireline around the remaining southeastern fire perimeter. Reinforcement of old fuel breaks in the front country above Montecito and Carpenteria are expected to be complete in the near future.

On the northwest perimeter, the fire became well established in Sweetwater and Foresters Leap Canyons above the Sisquoc Canyon. Today, for safety reasons, firefighters will not be put into the area and contingency plans are being developed to contain the fire along the Sierra Madra Ridge. On the northeast perimeter, the fire continues to be active in the Deal and Rancho Nuevo Canyons in the Dick Smith Wilderness, three miles west of Highway 33. A precautionary evacuation for residents along the west side of Highway 33 from the Ventura/Santa Barbara County Line to Pine Mountain Summit is in effect.

A backfire operation was successful in holding the fire west of the Potrero Seco Ranch. Firefighters will continue to work on a backfire operation from Potrero Seco Ranch northeast to Highway 33. A good secure fireline is also in place from Potrero Seco Ranch to Hildreth Jeep trail on the westside of the Matilija Wilderness. Later today, when the winds are favorable, a backfire operation will be conducted from Highway 33 at Pine Mountain Summit Road north towards Ozena.

Forest, Road and Area Closures:

- Hwy 33 between Wheeler Gorge and Ventucopa will be closed to all traffic, including residents.
- 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 the Forest Service,

Evacuations:

- A **PRECAUTIONARY EVACUATION** for residents along the west side of Highway 33 from the Ventura/Santa Barbara County Line to Pine Mountain Summit
- The **EVACUATION ORDER** for Paradise Road residents, Los Prietos Boys Camp, and the Rancho Oso Guest Ranch has been downgraded to an **EVACUATION WARNING**.
- An **EVACUATION WARNING** has been issued for East Camino Cielo Road from Gibraltar Road east to the Ventura County Line including Gibraltar Reservoir and Jameson Lake.
- The Santa Ynez River Road campgrounds, day use areas and trailheads remain closed.