

ZACA FIRE UPDATE

Sunday, August 19, 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: 199,588 acres	Crews: 71
Acres Increase (last 12 hours): 11,553 acres	Engines: 117
Fireline to Build: 3 miles	Helicopters: 22
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: 41
Injuries: 30	Water Tenders: 81
Structures Threatened: 581	Total Personnel Assigned: 3,035
Structures Destroyed: 1 outbuilding	Cost to Date: \$ 83.2 million

Headlines:

- Hwy 33 between Wheeler Gorge and Ventucopa is closed to all traffic, including residents.

Current Situation:

On the northwest perimeter, the fire is well established in Sweetwater and Foresters Leap Canyons on the north rim of Sisquoc Canyon. Incident Commanders are developing contingency plans for a backfire operation along the Cottonwood Road on Sierra Madre Ridge. On the northeast perimeter, the fire continues to be active in the Dick Smith Wilderness, one mile west of Highway 33. Firefighters are conducting a backfire operation from Cuyama Peak Road in Dry Canyon towards Highway 33.

On the southeast perimeter, firefighters stopped firing operations along the Pendola Jeepway and in the Ogilvy Ranch area late this morning due to unfavorable wind changes. Firing operations will resume tomorrow as weather conditions permit to secure the remaining perimeter of the southeastern portion of the fire. Contingency lines have been connected and crews are now focusing their efforts on improving these lines. Natural resource specialists will begin to focus on the rehabilitation process in those areas affected by the fire suppression activities. There is a potential for a red flag alert tomorrow morning in the Santa Barbara area.

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.