

ZACA FIRE UPDATE

Friday, August 24, 2007 8:00 AM

On the Web: or www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres or www.inciweb.org

Fire Information Phone Line: (805) 961-5770

Fire Status	Resources
Acres Burned: 235,601 acres	Crews: 66
Acresage Increase (last 12 hours): 3,152 acres	Engines: 98
Fireline to Build: 7 miles	Helicopters: 16
Date Started: July 4, 2007 at 10:53 am	Air Tankers: 8
Percent Contained: 83 percent	Air Attack: 3
Expected Containment: September 7, 2007	Dozers: 29
Injuries: 40	Water Tenders: 78
Structures Threatened: 66	Total Personnel Assigned: 2,545
Structures Destroyed: 1 outbuilding	Cost to Date: \$ 99.7 million

Headlines:

- Paradise Road is open from Highway 154 to the First Crossing Day Use Area.
- Highway 33 from Quatal Canyon to Ozena remains closed, except to residents. Fire officials hope to reopen Highway 33 to thru traffic by 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 26, contingent upon fire behavior and fire fighting success.

Current Situation:

Last night crews continued burning along the Brubaker Canyon Road until humidity became too high to successfully burn. Firing operations were completed along the Cuyama River Wash for a one quarter mile stretch north of Rancho Nuevo Canyon.

Today, crews will continue to build handline along the western perimeter of the fire north and south of the Sisquoc River. Several interior islands of unburned vegetation will continue to burn producing large columns of smoke. These islands do not threaten fireline integrity.

Natural Resource advisors have begun to assess wildfire suppression rehabilitation needs and will begin rehabilitation work today. A Cobra helicopter with infra red technology will be used today to detect hot spots within the fire area.

There was significant progress in rehabilitation efforts in the Live Oak Zone of the Zaca Fire. The Live Oak Zone has reached full containment and efforts continue to be focused on furthering rehabilitation and restoration of those areas affected by the fire and suppression activities.

Road closures and evacuations associated with fire suppression activities have been lifted, however, all areas and roads included within the Los Padres National Forest Closure Area remain closed to public entry.

State Highways, Forest Roads and Area Closures:

- Hwy 33 between Quatal Canyon to Ozena will be **closed to all traffic until Sunday, August 26**, except for residents.
- Happy Canyon Road is **closed** at the Los Padres National Forest boundary.
- Figueroa Mountain Road is **closed** at the Los Padres National Forest boundary.
- East Camino Cielo Road is now **open** between Hwy 154 and Gibraltar Road. East Camino Cielo is still **closed** east of Gibraltar Road because it is within the Forest closure.
- Paradise Road is **open** from Highway 154 to First Crossing Day Use Area.
- The Zaca Fire Area Closure in Los Padres National Forest remains in effect. The closure includes lands in Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Kern Counties. The expanded closure 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 at a Los Padres National Forest office.

Evacuations:

- A **PRECAUTIONARY EVACUATION** is in effect for residents along the west side of Highway 33 from the Ventura/Santa Barbara County line to Pine Mountain Summit.
- Recreation facilities along Paradise Road between Highway 154 and First Crossing, including Forest Service campgrounds and Rancho Oso Campground, are now **open**. The Santa Ynez River Road, beyond the First Crossing and all associated recreation facilities are **closed**.