

ZACA FIRE UPDATE

Friday, August 31, 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: 240,207 acres	Crews: 37
Acreage Change (last 12 hours): no change	Engines: 89
Fireline to Build: 1 mile	Helicopters: 18
Date Started: July 4, 2007 at 10:53 am	Air Tankers: 0
Percent Contained: 95 percent	Air Attack: 3
Expected Containment: September 4, 2007	Dozers: 19
Injuries: 44	Water Tenders: 61
Structures Threatened: 0	Total Personnel Assigned: 1,779
Structures Destroyed: 1 outbuilding	Cost to Date: \$114 million

Headlines:

- The thunderstorms that developed on Wednesday night and Thursday morning brought a new start five miles south of McPherson Peak. This new start was named the Mine Fire and aerial resources were used to slow the forward spread of the fire yesterday. Last night the Zaca fire's night shift was down-sized to a patrol status. Today, crews will be flown into the Mine Fire to construct hand line. On the Zaca Fire crews continue to mop-up along the containment lines and to start back haul of excess supplies all along the fire's perimeter. Rehabilitation of fire suppression lines will also continue. Today there is a slight chance of isolated thunderstorms.

Current Situation:

Initial suppression rehab efforts continue to make very good progress along fire lines and roads in both zones of the Zaca Fire. Heavy equipment is still present in many areas rehabilitating roads while crews assist with fire line rehabilitation and chip large amounts of cut brush and other vegetation. These efforts will assist in restoring public lands for use and help prevent erosion and further damage.

Firefighters will continue to be watchful for any lightning or thunderstorms that are possible in the fire area and will respond to any additional fires that could result. Temperatures are expected to be around 100 degrees with decreased relative humidity.

Highways, Forest Roads and Area Closures:

- 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 **open** between Hwy 154 and Gibraltar Road. East Camino Cielo is **closed** east of Gibraltar Road because it is within the Forest closure.
- Portions of the Zaca Fire Area Closure in Los Padres National Forest remains in effect. Detailed information regarding the closure is available at www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres or www.inciweb.org or at offices of the Los Padres National Forest.
- Paradise Road is **open** from Highway 154 to the First Crossing Day Use Area. 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**.