



GUIBERSON FIRE

Incident Update

Wednesday, September 23, 2009, 8:00 p.m.
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Fire Information Line: (805)388-4276

Incident Name: Guiberson Fire

Location: Guiberson Canyon

Incident Command: CAL FIRE Incident Command Team #10 unified with Ventura County Fire.

Start Date & Report Time: September 22, 2009, 10:30 a.m.

Cause: The fire started in the area of a mulch pile and the cause is under investigation.

Acres: 16,100 Acres

% Containment: 40 %

Expected Containment: September 26, 2009

Fire Engines: 214

Fire Crews: 23

Bulldozers: 21

Helicopters: 21

Airtankers: 8

Total Personnel: 1,831

Injuries: 8

Structures Damaged: 0

Structures Destroyed: 2 Outbuildings

Current Situation: The fire slopped over control lines at Balcom Canyon Road; however, firefighters were able to pick up and contain these spots. The fire continues to move east, where it has damaged high voltage power lines causing power delivery issues and concerns. The problem resulted in the ISO having to redistribute power at a large expense to Southern California Edison. Should the fire align properly with the topography, a potential exists for large runs into the footprint of the Sheckel and Simi fires. Evacuation orders in some areas have been modified and in some cases lifted.

According to incident commanders, the following infrastructures are threatened:

- Total of five 220KV power lines that supply large areas of Ventura and Santa Barbara. Two of the 220 KV lines are imminently threatened according to Southern California Edison.
- 36'' under ground natural gas line.
- Oil production fields with associated storage facilities.
- Agriculture values

Red Flag Warning conditions will continue to exist in the fire area until 6 pm on 9/24/09. Weather conditions are not expected to improve until Sunday 09/27/09.

Evacuations Orders:

- East of Balcom Canyon Road at Bradley Road
- Donlon Road

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An evacuation shelter has been set up at the Gobel Senior Center at 1385 Janss Road Thousand Oaks.

A second evacuation center was open today at 2:30 p.m. by the Santa Paula Fire Department for the residents of the South Mountain area at the Santa Paula Community Center, 530 W. Main Street in Santa Paula.

Evacuation orders have been lifted for the following areas:

City of Moorpark

- Moorpark College
- Campus Park Area

There are no remaining road closures in these areas.

Unincorporated areas of Ventura County

- Grimes Canyon Road between Championship Drive and Broadway*
- Walnut Canyon Road between Championship Drive and Broadway*
- South Mountain Road west of Balcom Canyon Road
- Bradley Road west of Balcom Canyon Road including the communities of Solano Verde and Coyote Canyon

*These areas remained closed to general public. Local residents will be allowed in with proper ID.

Road Closures In Effect:

- Walnut Canyon Road north of Championship Drive
- Grimes Canyon Road north of Championship Drive
- Balcom Canyon Road north of Stockton Road
- State Route 23 between Bardsdale and Broadway
- Balcom Canyon Road between South Mountain and Bradley

Schools Closed:

- Moorpark College
- Walnut Canyon Elementary
- Campus Canyon Elementary

Cooperating Agencies: Ventura County Fire Department, CAL FIRE, USFS, Ventura County Sheriff, CHP, City of Moorpark, Ventura County Animal Control, CalEMA, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Conservation Corps, Bureau of Land Management, Southern California Gas, Southern California Edison and Red Cross.

Additional Information: Residents who need more information can contact the Guiberson Fire Information Line at (805) 388-4276, or go to www.Fire.CountyofVentura.org