



GUIBERSON FIRE

Incident Update

Thursday, September 24, 2009, 8:00 a.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: 16,400 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 northeast side of the fire has potential to move towards Torrey Canyon Road. There are significant petroleum facilities in this area. Currently, the fire is being held in Balcom Canyon.

According to incident commanders, the following infrastructures are still 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.
- 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. The Fire Meteorologist is predicting a transition from offshore winds to onshore winds over the next couple of days. Firefighters are on guard for sudden wind shifts.

Evacuations Orders:

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

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

A second evacuation center was opened 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.

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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

Road Closures in effect for the general public:*

- 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

*Residents will be allowed into these areas with proper ID

Walnut Canyon Elementary and Campus Canyon Elementary Schools are open. Moorpark College has been cleared to open, College officials are evaluating their situation. Incident commanders in cooperation with law enforcement continue to evaluate the lifting of additional evacuations.

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