

Vallecito Lightning Complex Incident Update

Tuesday August 14, 2012
at 10:00 a.m.

www.fire.ca.gov

Fire Information Line: (619) 590-3160

Incident Name: Vallecito Lightning Complex **Location:** Northeastern San Diego County

Incident Command: CAL FIRE Incident Management Team #10

Start Date & Report Time: August 13, 2012 8:00 am **Cause:** Lightning

Fires:

- 1. Vallecito:** **Acres:** 350 **Containment:** 30% E/of Hwy 79, N/of Anza Borrego State Park
- 2. Cooper:** **Acres:** 2 **Containment:** 100% Chihuahua Valley Rd., E/of Hwy 79
- 3. Stewart:** **Acres:** 600 **Containment:** 0% E/of Hwy 78, S/of Grapevine Canyon
- 4. Wilson:** **Acres:** 1,400 **Containment:** 5% S/of S22, W/of Borrego Springs

Fire Engines: 27

Fire Crews: 22

Bulldozers: 2

Helicopters: 4

Airtankers: 3

Total Personnel: 565

Injuries: 1

Structures Damaged: 0

Structures Destroyed: 0

Current Situation: Firefighters continue to make progress, though there is still a considerable amount of open fire line. Extreme terrain and distance from roads are making access to fires difficult for ground resources. With the significant fire history of the area and the predicted weather changes, firefighting resources remain committed to support active and contingency operations throughout all affected communities. There is a threat to the 69KV electrical distribution lines in Grapevine Canyon that serve the communities of Borrego Springs, Warner Springs, and Ranchita.

Evacuations Advisory: No current evacuation orders.

Closures in effect for the general public: Highway 78 and Stonewall.

Cooperating Agencies: CAL FIRE, San Diego County Fire Authority, US Forest Service, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, San Diego County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Parks & Recreation, Cal EMA, Bureau of Land Management, Caltrans, California Conservation Corps, American Red Cross, San Diego Gas and Electric, and numerous local firefighting agencies throughout the state.

Additional Information: Residents who need more information can contact the Vallecito Lightning Complex Information Line at (619) 590-3160, or go to www.fire.ca.gov. Twitter: @calfiresandiego