



# SILVER FIRE Incident Update

Thursday, August 8, 2013, 1930 Hours

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Riverside County Fire Information Line: (951) 940-6985

Silver Fire PIO Office: (951) 572-2601



**Location:** Hwy 243 area, south of Banning

**County:** Riverside County

**Acres:** 14,000

**% Containment:** 20% contained

**Start Date & Time:** August 7, 2013, 2:05 p.m.

**Civilian Injuries:** 1

**Firefighter Injuries:** 5

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Structures Threatened:** 539

**Structures Destroyed:** 26 Homes

1 Commercial

**Structures Damaged:** 2

## EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT ASSIGNED:

**Fire Engines:** 139

**Fire Crews:** 48

**Bulldozers:** 4

**Airtankers:** 0

**Helicopters:** 9

**Water Tenders:** 4

**Total Personnel:** 1,431

**Current Situation:** Overnight the fire continued to burn actively. Fanned by gusty winds out of the west, the fire moved to east into the Cabazon area. A damage assessment team will begin working to determine the exact number and type of structures damaged or destroyed by the fire. On August 7, 2013 during initial attack on the Silver Fire a CAL FIRE dozer experienced problems that led to damage of the dozer from an internal fire, which did not injure the operator.

**Evacuations:** Evacuation Orders remain in effect for the communities of Vista Grande, Mt. Edna, Poppet Flats, Twin Pines, Silent Valley as well as portions of Cabazon - Peach Street, Plum Street, Eucalyptus Street, and Riza Avenue, Ida Avenue, Helen Avenue East to Elm Street. Black Mountain and Boulder Basin Campgrounds as well as Black Mountain Fire lookout have been closed by the Forest Service. Evacuation order in effect in lower Cabazon and Snow Creek Village.

**Road Closures:** Hwy 243 remains closed between Banning and Poppet Flats

**Cooperating Agencies:** American Medical Response, American Red Cross, Bureau of Land Management, California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County Fire Department, March ARB, Morongo Fire Department, Orange County Fire Authority, Riverside County Fire Department, Riverside County Fire Office Of Emergency Services, Riverside County Sheriff's Office, Southern California Edison, USFS – San Bernardino, Ventura County FD, Caltrans

**Additional Information:** Evacuation Centers have been set up at:

- Hemet High School 41701 East Stetson Avenue Hemet, CA
- Beaumont High School 39139 Cherry Valley Boulevard Beaumont, CA

**Animal Evacuations:**

- San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus 581 South Grand Avenue San Jacinto, CA

