



SILVER FIRE Incident Update

Friday August 9, 2013, 0800 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: 16,000

% Containment: 25% 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 Homes

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT ASSIGNED:

Fire Engines: 169

Fire Crews: 48

Bulldozers: 16

Airtankers:

Helicopters: 8

Water Tenders: 13

Total Personnel: 1,632

Current Situation: Overnight the fire continued to burn actively. Fanned by gusty winds out of the west, the fire moved east into the Snow Creek Drainage. A damage inspection team will continue 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. The operator was not injured.

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 orders are in effect in lower Cabazon and Snow Creek Village, Marion Mountain Camp Ground, Fern Basin Camp Ground and Dark Canyon Camp Campground as well as the Marion Mountain and Seven Pines hiking trails.

Road Closures: Hwy 243 remains closed between Banning and Poppet Flats. Snow Creek Road closed as Hwy 111.

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