

# Dolan Fire



# Update

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**Incident Website:** [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7018](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7018)

**Los Padres National Forest:** [www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf)

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/lospadresnationalforest](https://facebook.com/lospadresnationalforest)

**Twitter:** [twitter.com/LosPadresNF](https://twitter.com/LosPadresNF)

**Big Sur FD:** <https://bigsurfire.org/>

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## Incident Information:

Start / Report Date: Aug. 18, 2020

Cause: Unknown

Fuels Involved: Chaparral, Brush,  
Timber understory

Size: 20,397

Location: Hwy 1(MM32.20) N of  
Limekiln State Park, 10 miles S of  
Big Sur

Containment: 15%

Injuries: 0

## Resources:

Hand Crews: 11

Engines: 66

Dozers: 7

Helicopters: 7

Water Tenders: 10

Total Personnel: 880

## Current Situation:

Fire behavior was moderate throughout the day. The presence of the morning marine layer dampened fire behavior, but also kept the smoke over the fire, impacting the availability of aerial resources during the morning.

Today, crews continued to focus on the Northern and Southern edges of the fire by constructing and enhancing contingency lines. These control lines will provide additional protection and management options for firefighters in the event that fire progresses towards the structures. Crews completed hose lays on Partington Ridge along the dozer lines constructed yesterday. Dozer line was partially constructed on McWay Ridge; aerial resources dropped retardant on the ridge, providing additional reinforcement to the control lines. Fire retardant will help slow the progression of fire and allow for greater success in holding fire at the control lines. The fire has not reached McWay Ridge. Crews in Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park provided structure protection and monitored low intensity backing fires. To the South, firefighters were able to cut off the fire through direct attack on the fire perimeter using a combination of hand line, hose lays, and dozer lines. Crews continued to monitor the Eastern perimeter as fire behavior and growth in certain areas are driven largely by fuels with no recent fire history. Along Hwy 1, crews patrolled fire activity on the interior of the Western perimeter, actively suppressing fires as needed.

Fire behavior this evening is expected to be similar to previous nights, with intensity picking up along the coast ridge. Night operations will be focused primarily on monitoring fire conditions, gathering critical intel that will assist the fire operations in the morning. The hazards of rolling rocks and spot fires in the field, as well as driving and traffic conditions on the road continue to be safety concerns for crews.

The fire is threatening the communities of Hermitage, Partington Ridge, and Lucia. Multiple businesses, communications sites, parks and recreational sites are also threatened. Among natural resources threatened are the Ventana Wilderness and coastal watershed and habitat for threatened and endangered species, including the California condor.

Fire activity in the western United States has caused a high demand for fire personnel and equipment. The nation is in Preparedness Level 5 (PL5), the highest level. In PL5 over 80% of the nation's incident management teams and wildland firefighting personnel are committed to incidents. Currently there are 93 large uncontained fires nationwide with nearly 28,000 firefighters. To date, fires have burned 2.1 million acres with 1.84 million acres burned in California alone. Resource orders are being prioritized to fires across California and the west. Acreage reported here is an estimate and will be updated when IR images are available.

**Carmel Fire Info:** <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2020/8/18/carmel-fire/>

**River Fire Info:** <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2020/8/16/river-fire/>

**Updates and Meetings:** Fire Information is producing two daily written updates. To request an update, email [2020.dolan@firenet.gov](mailto:2020.dolan@firenet.gov) and provide your email address. A daily video update will be posted to the Los Padres National Forest Facebook page and Inciweb (See links in header).

There will be a community meeting held at 2:00 PM, August 26, on the [Los Padres National Forest](#) Facebook page.

**Weather:** Tonight's weather will be under the marine layer influence along the coastal side of the fire with some low clouds and fog. Good humidity recovery is expected overnight with typical down canyon winds.

**Evacuations / Closures:** Click [here](#) for an interactive map of Monterey County evacuations.

**Smoke:** The Monterey Bay Air Resources District has issued a Wildfire Air Quality Advisory. When the concentration of smoke has reached UNHEALTHY levels of the AQI, residents should limit their activity by staying indoors with the doors and windows closed to avoid breathing smoke. Updates on the current air quality forecast and Air Monitoring data can be found at <http://air.mbard.org/>.

**Alert Monterey County:** To receive emergency notifications regarding evacuations and critical events in Monterey County please sign up for Alert Monterey County at the following website:  
<https://member.everbridge.net/453003085611217/login>.

**Cooperating and Assisting Organizations:** National Weather Service, California Highway Patrol, Monterey County Sheriff's Department, Big Sur Volunteers, Cal Trans, California State Parks, OES, Ventana Wilderness Alliance

**Safety Message:** This will be a long duration event. Residents in the affected area are encouraged to continue to prepare for the possibility of fire in their area in advance. Go to <https://www.ready.gov/wildfires> to learn how to prepare.