

Dolan Fire



Update

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Incident Website: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7018

Los Padres National Forest: www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf

Facebook: facebook.com/lospadresnationalforest

Twitter: twitter.com/LosPadresNF

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

Incident Information:

Start / Report Date: Aug. 18, 2020

Cause: Unknown

Fuels Involved: Chaparral, Brush,
Timber understory

Size: 21,844

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 night. Crews performed structure defense in the Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park and continued to protect private property and clear roadways around Partington and along Hwy. 1. Crews continued to secure direct and indirect lines to keep the fire out of Hermitage, Lucia and Morning Glory. Progress is slow due to rough terrain and lack of available crews.

Today, crews will continue to focus on the northern and southern edges of the fire by constructing and enhancing control lines, with the priority being lines along McWay ridge and above Lucia northeast to Twin Peaks. These control lines will provide additional protection and management options for firefighters and reduce impacts to Highway 1. Rolling rocks and spot fires in the field, as well as driving and traffic conditions on the roadways continue to be safety concerns for crews.

Fire behavior today is expected to be similar to previous days, with fire activity mainly on the northern, eastern and southern edges of the fire. Along the western perimeter fire activity is expected to be low while the marine layer is present, with smoldering and some low intensity backing fire below the coastal redwood stands.

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, coastal watershed, habitat for threatened as well as 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 96 large uncontained fires nationwide with nearly 28,000 firefighters. To date, fires have burned 3.7 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 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 today, August 26, at 2:00 PM on the [Los Padres National Forest](#) Facebook page. Please send any questions to 2020.dolan@firenet.gov

Weather: Today's weather will be under the marine layer influence along the coastal side of the fire with some low clouds and fog. Marine inversion is expected to range between 1000 and 1500 feet deep. Skies are expected to be mostly clear with the exception of the inversion and some occasional clouds.

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 A!ert 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.