

Dolan Fire



Update

August 27, 2020 Evening

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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: 21,861

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

Containment: 20%

Injuries: 0

Resources:

Hand Crews: 14

Engines: 74

Dozers: 10

Helicopters: 8

Water Tenders: 25

Total Personnel: 902

Current Situation:

Fire activity picked up today in the afternoon as the marine layer lifted. The fire burned actively, even against beneficial wind and weather, often reacting more to vegetation and topography, than to headwinds. Crews worked to stay ahead of the fire and are prioritizing the north and south sides of the fire to protect threatened communities. Crews continued to work on the McWay ridge on the northside to try to hold the fireline with additional air support. The fire grew along the North Coast Ridge Road, but firefighters are optimistic that with the help of additional crews in the area tomorrow, they can hold the fireline west of the wilderness area. The fire continues to smolder along the east side of Highway 1.

There was significant fire activity in the south today. The fire burned through retardant lines and began to move toward Cone Peak. Crews will be scouting for other options to secure the southward movement of the fire tomorrow. Additionally, fire began burning into a drainage just above Hermitage. The area had been previously prepped for the potential incursion of fire. Firefighters will remain in the area and continue that work tomorrow.

The fire continues to smolder along and threaten Highway 1. Firefighters are monitoring the smolder to prevent impact to telecommunication lines and to keep the fire on the east side of the road. The fire threatens to cross to the west side of Highway 1 either by rolling materials over the road or by burning down one of several drainages/underpasses. Hazards from rolling material persists along the west side of the fire and poses a risk to Highway 1 including vehicles, structures, and apparatuses along the highway.

The fire threatens the communities of Hermitage and Lucia in the south, and Partington Ridge on the north. Multiple businesses, communications sites, parks, and recreational sites are also threatened. Among natural resources threatened are the Ventana Wilderness, 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 83 large uncontained fires nationwide. Fires have burned over 2 million acres with over 1.1 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.

There was a community meeting held yesterday at 2:00 PM that was livestreamed on the [Los Padres National Forest](#) Facebook page. That video can also be viewed retroactively on the same Facebook page. Please send any questions to 2020.dolan@firenet.gov.

Weather: The marine inversion (around 1200 feet) will once again impact the fire producing morning low clouds and fog across the west flank of the fire. Otherwise, mostly clear and smokey conditions are expected. The weather will likely be warmer and drier next week. Weather conditions will be monitored closely to adapt and execute an appropriate plan.

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.