

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: 25,587

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

Containment: 25%

Injuries: 0

Resources:

Hand Crews: 17

Engines: 89

Dozers: 10

Helicopters: 8

Water Tenders: 29

Total Personnel: 1,055

Current Situation:

In the north, along McWay Ridge, firefighters made good headway connecting open lines from the top and the bottom in very steep terrain. Some patches and lines of unburnt vegetation remain and threaten the containment line. Crews will keep a close eye on fire activity and work on the area throughout the night. The east perimeter progressed today, traveling further into the Ventana Wilderness.

In the southeast, the fire began to move down Twin Peak Ridge. Crews are working to keep that area in check and are evaluating how to best contain that edge. Firefighters are working on a line southeast of Cone Peak to stop the fire as it advances. They continue to monitor the fire behavior around Twin and Cone Peaks and will attack direct if the opportunity presents itself. They have also scouted Nacimiento-Fergusson Road and will begin tomorrow to prepare the road as a potential fireline.

Crews will patrol Highway 1 overnight and work to contain the perimeter along the highway. The fire still threatens to burn towards the west side of the highway via drainages and underpasses. Rolling materials pose a risk to roll onto or over the highway to the west side and could spark flames.

Fire activity along the western edge will likely subside early in the early morning as the marine layer comes in. The east perimeter is expected to travel east overnight. The fire on the north side is predicted to become more active tonight and crews are working hard in the area to maintain the perimeter.

The fire poses a risk to multiple businesses, parks, recreational sites, and communication infrastructure as well as the communities of Hermitage and Lucia in the south, and Partington Ridge in the north. 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 at the highest level, Preparedness Level 5 (PL5). In PL5 over 80% of the nation's incident management

teams and wildland firefighting personnel are committed to incidents. Currently, there are 77 large uncontained fires nationwide. Fires have burned over 3.9 million acres with over 1.2 million acres burned in California alone. Resource orders are being prioritized to fires across 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 will be a virtual community meeting tomorrow at 2 PM. The meeting will be live-streamed on the [Los Padres National Forest](#) Facebook page can be viewed live or retroactively.

Weather: The marine inversion is around 1500 feet deep and covers the west flank of the fire. It is expected to lift midmorning. Otherwise, clear and smoky skies are in the forecast for the east side and for the afternoon in the west. 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. For information about state highway closures go to <https://roads.dot.ca.gov/>.

Nacimiento-Fergusson Road is closed to all traffic (public and residential) from Highway 1 to the Fort Hunter Liggett base boundary line 16 miles inland. This closure includes the intersection with South Coast Ridge Road at Nacimiento-Fergusson Road summit. Los Burros Road, Plaskett Road and South Coast Ridge Road are closed to all but residential traffic.

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.