

Dolan Fire

Update – September 3, 2020

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Fire Information: 831-272-0222

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Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7018>

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Size: 31,409 acres Containment: 40% Personnel: 896 Start Date: August 18, 2020 Cause: Unknown

The Pacific Northwest 2 Incident Management Team assumed command of the Dolan Fire this morning following a successful transition with California Incident Management Team 2. Thank you to Incident Commander Mike Minton and his entire team for their expert management and work to date.

The marine inversion layer kept fire activity minimal overnight, active fire in the east and south ends especially around Cone Peak. Although limited fire spread has occurred over the last few days, the excessive heat watch forecast for this weekend is expected to increase fire behavior. Firefighters continue to bolster containment lines in the northern and southern perimeters, mopping up and increasing the line depth along McWay Ridge and within the Lucia and Hermitage areas. Crews continue to work on the primary containment line north of the Nacimiento-Ferguson Road and along the road to Cone Peak. This indirect line will serve as the primary containment line to keep the fire from spreading to the south toward nearby structures. Dozers, hand crews and masticators are also working on additional contingency lines farther south. Overnight crews continued improving lines and patrolling Highway 1 for roll outs and increased fire behavior. Crews began building direct line in the eastern edge of the fire within the Ventana Wilderness yesterday.

Firefighters continue with structure protection all along Highway 1, in the Partington area north, and in the Lucia and Hermitage areas to the south. Currently on the fire there are: 5 Type 1 Hotshot crews, 8 Type 2 hand crews, 60 engines, 10 dozers, 10 helicopters, 8 water tenders, 2 masticators, and a variety of other equipment to support firefighting efforts.

EVACUATION / CLOSURE ALERTS:

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/>.

- Evacuation Order for the area South of Nacimiento-Fergusson Road, west of South Coast Ridge to Prewitt Ridge including Alms Ridge.
- Evacuation Warning for Partington Zone C (only residents allowed into the area).
- Highway 1 is closed from north of Vista Point south to Pacific Valley.
- Forest Order Number 05-07-51-20-19 remains in effect.

WEATHER: On Thursday the marine layer should remain in place up to 1,500 feet through the early afternoon, with warmer and drier conditions to the east at the higher elevations of the fire. Wednesday, the marine layer was in place, winds remained calm and temperatures moderate over the fire area. Conditions are expected to remain the same through Friday. An excessive heat watch has been issued for this area from Saturday through Monday and temperatures are expected to be in the 90's along the coast and low hundreds inland. Winds are forecast to remain mild. Fire activity is expected to increase with this change in weather conditions.

SAFETY: 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.

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