

Dolan Fire Update



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

Incident Information:

Start / Report Date: Aug. 18, 2020
Cause: Unknown
Fuels Involved: Chaparral, Brush,
Timber understory

Size: 29,550
Location: Hwy 1(MM32.20) N of
Limekiln State Park, 10 miles S of
Big Sur

Containment: 25%
Injuries: 0

Resources:

Hand Crews: 14
Engines: 65
Dozers: 8

Helicopters: 11
Water Tenders: 25

Total Personnel: 933

Current Situation:

Overnight fire activity was minimal. Today's weather forecasts a low lying marine inversion, suppressing fire activity below 1200 feet in elevation. Above 1200 feet weather is expected to be warmer and drier with light east, southeast winds in the morning and winds out of the northwest in the afternoon.

Crews reinforced containment lines on the north side of the fire overnight and completed indirect line construction and infrastructure clearing in the Partington area. The line has been completed and unburned vegetation has been fired out. The completion of this work has allowed resources to be shifted east working towards Lost Valley.

The fire has been growing approximately 1,000 acres each day. Most of this growth has been into the Ventana Wilderness. Several Hot Shot crews will be flown into the wilderness area today. They will be hiking to the fire from the landing zone and begin the construction of line on the fire's edge. The plan is for additional crews to begin work to the northeast from North Coast Ridge Road.

Firefighters will also be hard at work securing the southern edge of the fire south of Hermitage. This line will be tied into highway one and is the final phase of line construction around the Hermitage.

A ridge of high pressure will be building over California during the next few days bringing much warmer temperatures, lower humidity and dissipation of the marine layer.

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 today at 2 PM. The meeting will be live-streamed on the [Los Padres National Forest](#) Facebook page can be viewed live or retroactively. Please submit any questions in advance of the meeting via email to: 2020.dolan@firenet.gov.

Weather: Predicted weather for today is a lower marine inversion with lower temperature and higher humidity below 1200 feet and higher temperatures and lower humidity above the marine inversion. Temperatures are expected to increase through the rest of the week, possibly contributing to increased fire activity.

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/>.

Yesterday a mandatory evacuation order went into effect south of Nacimiento-Fergusson Road, west of South Coast Ridge to Prewitt Ridge including Alms Ridge due to increased fire behavior and winds. Highway 1 remains closed with expanded hard closure south to Pacific Valley Station. Rolling rocks and debris from steep hillsides are a continued safety concern throughout the Highway 1 closure.

Forest Order Number 05-07-51-20-19 remains in effect.

Smoke: The air quality in communities around the fire is forecast to range from good to moderate. Smoke intensity will continue to depend on local fire activity.

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.