

Dolan Fire

Evening Update – September 3, 2020

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

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Size: 31,901 acres Containment: 40% Personnel: 876 Start Date: August 18, 2020 Cause: Unknown

This will be the last Evening Update for the Dolan Fire unless fire activity changes and additional communication is needed to ensure local communities have the latest fire information.

The Pacific Northwest Incident Management Team 2 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 fire increased by a few hundred acres today along the eastern and southern edges within the Ventana Wilderness. Hand crews are now working in this area and completed line on the northeast side today. Crews are also scouting the Lost Valley area to determine the best location to tie into the southern line. Containment lines on the northern and southern perimeters are holding well 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, intended to keep the fire from spreading south toward nearby structures. Although limited fire spread has occurred over the last few days, an excessive heat warning is forecast for this weekend and is expected to increase fire behavior. Dozers, hand crews and masticators are also working on additional contingency lines farther south. Overnight crews will continue to patrol Highway 1 for rolling debris and increased fire behavior.

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: 6 Type 1 Hotshot crews, 3 Type 2 hand crews, 62 engines, 6 dozers, 12 helicopters, 18 water tenders, 4 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 05-07-51-20-20 went into effect today, superseding Forest Order Number 05-07-51-20-19.

WEATHER: Today the marine layer was in place up to 1,500 feet. Fog along the coast burned off earlier in the day resulting in warmer temperatures. The east side and higher elevation areas continue to be warmer and drier. Similar conditions are expected for Friday, with the marine layer lowering to 1,000 feet. An excessive heat warning 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.

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