

Dolan Fire

Update – September 7, 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: 36,237 acres **Containment:** 40% **Personnel:** 883 **Start Date:** August 18, 2020 **Cause:** Under Investigation

YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITIES: As expected fire activity increased on the eastern and southern edges with Cone Peak seeing the most aggressive spread. Record heat and dry conditions continued to play a major role in fire spread. Occasional uphill runs were observed at higher elevations throughout the evening. Structure and asset protection remain priority one for firefighters.

Overnight firefighters monitored HWY 1 for any potential hotspots and rollouts with CalTrans support on cleanup of any fallen debris. Overnight lows were in the high 80's to lower 90's with poor relative humidity recovery.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES: Record breaking temperatures will continue throughout the day and into the evening increasing fire activity. Firefighters along with support from a dozer team continue line construction in the Arroyo Seco drainage and Avila Ranch area reinforcing structure protection. Crews continue improvement of containment lines along McWay Ridge and within the Lucia and Hermitage areas. Several teams are completing 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. If conditions allow a planned burnout operation will be used in the next few days to tie containment lines into the fire's edge. Dozers, hand crews and masticators are also working on additional contingency lines farther south. Helicopters will be available to support ground crews but will be limited due to weather conditions. Structure protection all along HWY 1, in the Partington area north, and in the Lucia and Hermitage areas to the south continues.

Currently in the fire there are: 6 Type 1 Hotshot crews, 10 Type 2 hand crews, 49 engines, 6 dozers, 13 helicopters, 19 water tenders, 4 masticators and a variety of other equipment to support firefighting efforts.

EVACUATIONS: The Monterey County Sheriff's office has an Evacuation Order in effect for Zone B (Lucia) and Zone J (Prewitt Ridge). Warning are in effect for Zone C (Partington) and Zones K-S (Coast Ridge Road). Yesterday, Zone A was downgraded to a warning. View the [interactive map](#) for Monterey County evacuations.

ROAD CLOSURE: HWY 1 is closed from north of Vista Point south to Pacific Valley. Visit <https://roads.dot.ca.gov/>

FOREST CLOSURE: [Forest Order Number 05-07-51-20-19](#) remains in effect on the Forest in the vicinity of the fire.

WEATHER: Record breaking temperatures continue into the next few days with little relief in sight. Temperatures are in the 90's along the coast and may reach record breaking degrees again inland. Lower relative humidity across the area are expected throughout the day. Winds are forecast to remain mild.

SAFETY: Firefighters are still actively using HWY 1 as a major access point to the fire. Caution is stressed as emergency vehicles are entering and exiting the highway at all times of the day. Falling rocks and debris continues to be a hazard. Most notably in the area of MP 35 on HWY 1.

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