

# Dolan Fire

Update – September 8, 2020

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Fire Information: 831-272-0222

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Media Information: 831-272-0221

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lospadresnationalforest>

Size: 73,089 acres    Containment: 40%    Personnel: 783    Start Date: August 18, 2020    Cause: Under Investigation

## VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING TODAY: 2:00PM Los Padres National Forest Facebook EVENTS Page

**YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITIES:** Extreme weather and dry conditions fueled significant fire growth overnight, nearly doubling the fire perimeter. Record temperatures, single-digit relative humidity and strong northerly winds drove fire spread closer to Arroyo Seco and Avia Ranch. Mandatory evacuations were ordered in the areas of Memorial Campground and area summer homes. Firefighters prioritized structure protection along the eastern and southern edges of the fire. Contingency line construction continued south of the Lucia-Hermitage area in support of structure protection and public safety. Crews are engaging in conducting a firing operation in the Hare Canyon and Nacimiento-Ferguson area to HWY 1 to remove receptive fuels.

**TODAY'S ACTIVITIES:** Firefighters with dozer team support continue structure protection in the Arroyo Seco drainage and Avia Ranch area. Crews will improve 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. Firefighters will scout for anchor points in the Hermitage area to secure the southern edge. The fire will continue to burn actively to the south and rapid rates of spread can be expected especially in areas where drainages are aligned with the winds.

Currently in the fire there are: 5 Type 1 Hotshot crews, 7 Type 2 hand crews, 48 engines, 6 dozers, 10 helicopters, 20 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), Zone K (South Coast Ridge Road) and Zone J (Prewitt Ridge). Warning are in effect for Zone C (Partington). 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 05-07-51-20-20](#) remains in effect on the Forest in the vicinity of the fire.

**WEATHER:** Continued hot and dry weather for the next couple of days. Poor overnight relative humidity recovery. Increasing winds out of the north will continue through the night into Wednesday with a cooling trend along the immediate coast.

**SAFETY:** Drones should not be flown when an active fire is present. Drones can impede aircraft operations. When you fly, we can't! 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. Fire behavior conditions and weather are aligned such that will result in more acreage consumption throughout the day.