



## Radford Fire Update: September 8, 2022

Public Information:  
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San Bernardino National Forest:  
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Incident email: 2022.Radford@firenet.gov

### INCIDENT INFORMATION

**Start Date:** 09/05/2020

**Location:** Converse Creek drainage in the Santa Ana River watershed in San Bernardino County CA

**Engines:** 44

**Crews:** 15

**Water Tenders:** 8

**Size:** 1100 acres

**Percent containment:** 2%

**Cause:** Undetermined

**Dozers:** 7

**Aircraft:** 5

**Total Personnel:** 632


### **CURRENT CONDITIONS:**

The Radford Fire was spotted at 1:30 p.m. along the Radford Truck Trail on September 5, 2022. It is located between Big Bear Lake to the north and Barton Flats to the south in the Santa Ana drainage in the Converse Creek subdrainage.

The priority work for today will be strengthening hand and dozer lines on the northern perimeter where the fire is moving over the ridge towards the communities of Big Bear Lake and Big Bear City. There was minimal fire activity in this area yesterday. When the wind in the Santa Ana drainage began to shift in the early afternoon, the fire did spot over dozer lines on the northwest side. All spots were "caught" and lined with handlines. Retardant is in place along the northern half of the fire perimeter.

Today, the line along the southeast side will be widened and strengthened. The western perimeter is very steep and rugged and there is little fire-line in place. Firefighters are looking for accessible ridges to build indirect line on this side of the fire. Contingency lines have been put in place around most of the fire perimeter in case the fire spots over current fire-lines.

The current heatwave is the longest duration for Southern California in 20 years. Residuals from Hurricane Kay are now affecting the fire area. Temperatures will be in the high 70's over the fire area with increased moisture in the air. There is potential for thunderstorms and scattered rain showers. The thunderstorms may cause some erratic winds, but tomorrow is more of a concern.



In summary, firefighters have worked hard to get to where we are in a short time. There is more work to be done, but good strategies are in place to stop this fire. The weather change is a heads-up to all: please evacuate if you are in evacuation order areas and be ready to go in evacuation warning areas. Let's all get through this as safely as possible.

**EVACUATION AREAS:**

Please refer to:

<https://sbcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/interactivelegend/index.html?appid=b91a4bd545e54dd3b98b5d24a5a1371d>

**WEATHER:**

The temperature is expected to remain hot over the fire area with temperatures predicted at 78 degrees Fahrenheit with a relative high humidity of 60% and low of 22% and south/southeast winds at 5-8 mph.

**ROAD CLOSURES:** Highway 38 is closed between Valley of the Falls to Lake Williams.

**EVACUATION ORDERS:**

From Glass Road to South Fork River Road.  
Beverly Lane, south to 2N10 and 2N08, west to Castlerock.  
Summit Blvd East to Club View and Evergreen Dr South

**EVACUATION WARNINGS:**

The area of Club View east to Angles Camp Rd and Vine Ave south to Lassen Dr.  
Summit Blvd east to McAllister Rd, east of Hwy 18, and Fox Farm Rd south to Evergreen Rd.

**EVACUATION CENTER:**

Big Bear High School: 351 Maple Lane, Big Bear

**ANIMAL EVACUATION ASSISTANCE:**

Please call the San Bernardino County Animal Care for assistance: 1.800.472.5609

**SCHOOL CLOSURES:** Bear Valley Unified Schools are **closed** through the week excluding Fallsvale School.


**BIG BEAR VISITORS:** Please come visit another time!

**READY SET GO!**

Successfully preparing for an emergency is vital. Visit the below link for resources that will help you prepare.

<https://sbcfire.org/readyssetgofire/>

**TELEPHONE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (TENS):**



The San Bernardino County Sheriff and Fire Departments will send high-speed mass notifications via telephone and text messages through the Telephone Emergency Notification System (TENS). Visit the link below to sign up or call 211 or (909) 980-2857 for assistance in registering:

<http://www.sbcounty.gov/SBCFire/TENS/TENSContact.aspx?fbclid=IwAR0IaU0QAqEAHxOuGw68DKSzQCrBJOcOAasQzfwxoN1Ef-NmF3owng6f3ro>