



Apache Fire Incident Update July 28, 2024

Apache Fire Phone: 213-631-5455 Hours: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Apache Fire Email: 2024.apache@firenet.gov



Apache Fire Start: Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 6:31 p.m.

Cause: Under investigation

Location: Maricopa Highway and Apache Canyon Road, Cuyama Valley, Ventura County

Size at time of update: 1,538 acres

Containment: 59%

Personnel: 253

Incident Details: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/calpf-apache-fire>

Resources:

Hand Crews: 6

Engines: 10

Copters: 4

Water Tenders: 4

Containment of the Apache fire is increasing rapidly and no further growth is expected. Today firefighters are continuing to seek out and extinguish hot spots that could potentially carry heat under the fireline and reignite the fire. Deep pits of smoldering vegetation and root systems, known to firefighters as ash pits can burn for three or four days before dying out. These smoldering fires can burn underground in root systems and resurface on the unburned side of the fireline. Much like quicksand, these pits are difficult to recognize on the surface and pose a serious hazard for crews working the line.

Crews have also started suppression repair on the few contingency dozer lines constructed before forward progress of the fire was stopped.

The Evacuation Order for Apache Canyon, Burgess Canyon and Quail Springs was reduced to an Evacuation Warning yesterday. The Evacuation Warning for Corral Canyon, Round Springs Canyon and Castle Canyon was lifted.

The fire is burning adjacent to Maricopa Highway (CA-33). The highway remains open. Motorists are encouraged be alert for firefighters and equipment in the area. Please check [Caltrans road conditions](#) prior to driving through the area.

Forecast for Saturday: Temperatures will be lower over the next three days with highs in the fire area ranging from 90-95 degrees. Relative humidity will remain low at 15-25%. And winds will be out of the northwest 5-10 mph with gusts of 18-20 mph.

Evacuation Areas: Current Apache Fire evacuation information can be found at vcemergency.com. The status of evacuations may change during the day. Ventura County residents are encouraged to [sign up for emergency notifications here](#).

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