



AIRPORT FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 09/23/2024 Time: 9:00 A.M.



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<http://www.ocfa.org/>

fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/9/9/airport-fire

INCIDENT FACTS

Incident Start Date: 09/09/2024		Incident Start Time: 1:03 pm	
Incident Type: Vegetation Fire			
Incident Location: Trabuco Canyon, CA			
Acreage: 23,519		Containment: 81%	
Injuries: 22 (20 Firefighters, 2 Civilian)		Expected Full Containment: Unknown	
Structures Threatened: 20,780	Structures Destroyed: 160		Structures Damaged: 34

SITUATION

Current Situation:	Containment percentage continues to rise on the Airport Fire. Fire managers are confident 81 percent of the fire perimeter is secure. Drones with infrared technology will be used today to check for heat in drainage areas with heavy vegetative debris that may be holding heat. Ground crews or air resources will then be deployed to confirm and address any areas of concern.
	Back hauling of equipment and other items is a priority as unified command prepares to transition the Airport Fire to a Type 3 Incident Management Team that will be based out of the Cleveland National Forest tomorrow.
	Suppression repair crews continue to tidy up dozer lines and other areas disturbed by fire suppression activities. A Burned Area Response (BAER) Team has also arrived to begin assessing watersheds that may have been impacted by fire activity. The team will study potential changes in water runoff and how it may affect waterways, communities, aquatic wildlife and any other identified areas of concern. As the study continues, mitigation processes will begin.
	A closure order is in effect for the Trabuco Ranger District of the Cleveland National Forest. Firefighters have observed hikers and mountain bikers in the area. Please do not enter the closure area or recreate on any of the firelines constructed for the incident. https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/cleveland/alerts-notices/?aid=90727
Evacuation Orders:	Notice: Southern California Edison Electric Utility Company has announced plans to replace damaged power poles and lines beginning Tuesday along Ortega Highway. Helicopters will be used to transport and place poles. Operations will be scheduled during times of minimal highway use. However, all motorists should be aware that traffic delays can occasionally occur for extended periods. Please plan accordingly.
	All evacuation orders and warnings have been lifted. For updated evacuation zones, please visit http://ocsheriff.gov/airportfire



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	For updated evacuation zones, please visit https://rivcoready.org/alert-rivco			
Road Closures:	This will also include the following road closures: Hard Road Closures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trabuco Canyon Road and Trabuco Creek Road• Silverado Canyon and Maple Springs• North Main Road and Ortega Highway• Long Canyon Road and Ortega Highway Soft Road Closures:			
Cleveland National Forest Closure:	Notice: The Cleveland National Forest has a temporary closure of the Trabuco Ranger District. This closure prohibits going into or, being upon any National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the boundaries of the Trabuco Ranger District. The closure will be in effect from September 18, 2024 until September 17, 2025, to provide for public health and safety concerns related to the Airport Fire. To view the Forest Orders and Maps, visit our website at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/cleveland/alerts-notices/?aid=90727			
Structures Damaged and Destroyed	Orange County	Damaged	Destroyed	
	Single Residences	1	82	
	Multiple Residences	0	0	
	Mixed Commercial/Residential	0	0	
	Non residential property	1	1	
	Minor Structures	2	6	
	Riverside County	Damaged	Destroyed	
	Single Residences	10	37	
	Multiple Residences	0	0	
	Mixed Commercial/Residential	0	1	
	Non residential property	5	1	
	Minor Structures	15	32	
	Temporary Flight Restriction	Updates on the locations and status of this TFR can be accessed at https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html		
RESOURCES				
Engines: 31	Water Tenders: 24	Helicopters: 7	Air Tankers: 0	Hand Crews: 31
Dozers: 9	Other: 0	Total Personnel: 1118		
Cooperating Agencies: CHP, Orange County Parks, California State Parks, Orange County Animal Control, CalOES, OC Public Works, Riverside County Sheriff’s Office, Orange County Sheriff’s Office				

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