

**BRIDGE FIRE** EVENING INCIDENT UPDATE Monday, September 16, 2024

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Unified Command: CIIMT5, Los Angeles County Fire, Los Angeles County Sheriff, San Bernardino County Fire, San Bernardino County Sheriff, CAL FIRE – San Bernardino/Inyo/Mono Unit

Start Date: September 8, 2024, at 2:12 p.m.

**Incident Website:** 

inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/caanf-bridge-fire

Fire Information: (626) 662-0120 Media Line: (626) 470-1395 Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Email: <u>2024.Bridge@firenet.gov</u>

Fire Size: 54,774 acres Percent Contained: 25% Personnel: 2,707 Injuries: 3 Structures Damaged: 13 Structures Destroyed: 66 Cause: Under investigation

**Location:** Sheep Mountain Wilderness, San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

# **CURRENT SITUATION:**

Despite the increase in winds today, great progress was made by firefighters and utility companies restoring power and water for a safe return for residents under evacuation orders in the Piñon Hills area. One Order was downgraded to a Warning, and one Warning was lifted. While firefighters continue to hold and improve existing containment lines in the most active areas of fire, they will also begin the process of suppression repair in areas where there is full containment, which increased to 25 percent today.

The northwest flank remains the highest priority for this evening's operations to stop the fire from spreading to the communities of Big Pines and Piñon Hills. Firefighters are also continuing mop-up and patrol to extinguish any remaining hot spots throughout the community of Wrightwood so that residents can return as soon as possible.

To the northeast, firefighters are working to prevent the fire from reaching the community of Lytle Creek by constructing dozer lines and engaging in direct attack wherever possible.

The east side of the fire is holding well as firefighters continue to gain containment in this area, however until it is safe for residents to return, and the threat of downed power lines and other hazards still exists, an evacuation order remains in effect.

The south flank is also holding well. Heavy equipment along with hand-crews will continue constructing secondary containment lines in the area to prevent threats to the foothill communities below it.

On the west flank, firefighters are holding the fire at Rattlesnake Peak and plan to continue constructing hand lines where possible in this extremely steep and inaccessible terrain to Ross Peak and Pigeon Ridge tonight.

Damage inspection teams have released interactive maps for residents affected by the Bridge Fire. For San Bernardino County: <u>prepare.sbcounty.gov/bridge-fire/</u> For Los Angeles County: <u>recovery.lacounty.gov/bridgefire/</u>

#### **Evacuation Orders:**

- Mt. Baldy Road, all residents north of San Antonio Dam up to Mount Baldy Ski Resort
- The community of Wrightwood
- Big Pines Canyon Road to the community of Big Pines
- East Fork communities of Camp Williams Resort (café, mobile home park, campground) and River Community (near the resort)

## **Evacuation Warnings:**

- Forest area of Telegraph Peak east to the Cucamonga Canyon and forestry area above Shinn Road and North Pine Canyon Road
- The southern community of Pinon Hills from Desert Front Road north to Highway 138 and State Highway west
- Highway 138 south to Lone Pine Canyon and Highway 2 east to Lone Pine Canyon Road
- For evacuation warnings in San Dimas, La Verne, and Claremont please visit: Genasys Protect

"Know Your Zone" by visiting the Genasys Protect website or download the app. <u>Protect.genasys.com</u> If not already registered for emergency alerts, please register here:

- Los Angeles County: https://ready.lacounty.gov/emergency-notifications/
- San Bernardino County: <u>https://wp.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/alerts/</u>

## **Evacuation Centers:**

- Fountain of Living Waters Church: 10120 Johnson Rd, Phelan, CA 92371
- San Bernardino County Fairgrounds: 14800 Seventh Street, Victorville, CA
- Jessie Turner Health/Fitness Center: 15556 Summit Ave, Fontana, CA. (909) 854-5100
- Pomona Fairplex: 601 W McKinley Avenue Pomona, CA (Gate 3, corner of McKinley/White) Animals:
- Devore Animal Shelter: 19777 Shelter Way, San Bernardino, CA. (909) 386-9820. After hours: (800) 472-5609
- San Bernardino County Fairgrounds: 14800 Seventh Street, Victorville, CA
- Palmdale Animal Care Center (Small Animals): 38550 Sierra Hwy, Palmdale, CA
- Lancaster Animal Care Center (Small Animals): 5210 W Ave I, Lancaster, CA

For more information on evacuation centers;

- <u>www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html</u>
- <u>https://lacounty.gov/emergency/</u>

## **CLOSURES:**

- SR-138 from Lone Pine Canyon Road to Beekley Road
- SR-2 closed from Big Pines to SR-138
- Big Pines Highway
- Big Rock Creek Road
- San Gabriel Canyon and East Fork of the San Gabriel River
- Highway 39
- East Fork Road
- Glendora Ridge Road and Glendora Mountain Road
- Mt. Baldy Road at Shinn Road intersection

#### WEATHER:

Continued winds with cooler weather expected this evening, warming up again tomorrow. Generally favorable winds, temperatures, and humidity will continue through Thursday, however hot and dry conditions are expected to resume again Friday.

For smoke impacts and an interactive map, visit fire.airnow.gov.

#### FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN OPEN AREAS OF ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST:

Fire danger on the Angeles National Forest is now "Extreme" <u>Angeles National Forest - News & Events</u> (usda.gov)