



BRIDGE FIRE

EVENING INCIDENT UPDATE

Tuesday, September 17, 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: 2024.Bridge@firenet.gov

Fire Size: 54,795 acres

Percent Contained: 35%

Personnel: 2,560

Injuries: 4

Structures Damaged: 16

Structures Destroyed: 73

Cause: Under investigation

Location: Sheep Mountain Wilderness, San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

CURRENT SITUATION: Thanks to the great work of firefighters, public safety personnel, and utility companies, evacuation warnings were lifted, and orders were downgraded to warnings this afternoon in both the Wrightwood and Mt. Baldy communities at 2:00 p.m.

The northwest flank of the fire still has scattered heat as seen by air attack, backing down in the understory with moderate intensity. Direct and indirect lines are being constructed to prevent further spread toward the communities of Mile High and Paradise Springs. Falling modules and other firefighting personnel remain in this area and throughout Big Pines, monitoring, mopping up, and mitigating hazard trees.

On the east flank, crews continue with their progress, constructing direct and indirect line south from Wright Mountain to prevent the fire from reaching the community of Lytle Creek.

Aircraft worked to extinguish hot spots today around the southeast corner to aid firefighters in tying into current containment lines. Secondary containment lines will likely be finished on the south side of the fire tonight, and suppression repair will start there in the next 24 hours.

On the west flank, crews will work from the East Fork along containment lines, validating that no heat remains and that lines are holding to increase the containment percentage. Three hotshot crews have been inserted by helicopter on ridgelines to construct an indirect line within the rugged and steep terrain of the Sheep Mountain Wilderness.

Damage inspection teams continue to update interactive maps for residents affected by the Bridge Fire.

For San Bernardino County: prepare.sbcounty.gov/bridge-fire/

For Los Angeles County: recovery.lacounty.gov/bridgefire/

Evacuation Orders:

- The area north of Icehouse Canyon remains closed to residents and the public.
- Big Pines Canyon Road to the community of Big Pines
- East Fork communities of Camp Williams Resort and River Community

Evacuation Warnings:

- Community of Wrightwood
- Shin Road north to Icehouse Canyon is open to residents only

For an interactive maps on evacuations:

- Los Angeles County: Genasys Protect website or download the app. <https://protect.genasys.com>
- San Bernadino: <https://sbcounty.maps.arcgis.com>

For emergency alerts, please register here:

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

Evacuation Centers:

- Fountain of Living Waters Church: 10120 Johnson Rd, Phelan, CA 92371
- San Bernardino County Fairgrounds: 14800 Seventh Street, Victorville, CA
- 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;

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

CLOSURES:

- Big Pines Highway
- Big Rock Creek Road
- Largo Vista Road
- Mescal Creek Road
- Panorama Motorway
- SR-39 at the Base of San Gabriel Canyon
- Glendora Mountain Rd. north of Big Dalton Rd.
- Mt. Baldy Rd at Shinn Rd (open to residents only)
- Mt. Baldy at Ice House Canyon Rd.
- SR-2 at Flume Canyon Rd westbound

WEATHER:

Moderate weather persisted today both in temperature and humidity. Southwesterly winds will not have much impact on the fire environment. Friday afternoon, a warming and drying trend will return, but with offshore winds.