



BRIDGE FIRE

EVENING INCIDENT UPDATE

Thursday, September 12, 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

Incident Website:
inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/caanf-bridge-fire

Fire Information: (626) 662-0120
 Media Line: (626) 470-1395
Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Email: 2024.Bridge@firenet.gov

Fire Size: 51,580 acres
Percent Contained: 0%
Personnel: 2,104
Cause: Under investigation

Start Date: Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 2:12 p.m.
Location: Sheep Mountain Wilderness, Angeles National Forest

CURRENT SITUATION: Today, the Bridge Fire saw minimal growth across the entire fire perimeter due to decreased wind speeds and higher relative humidity. Water and retardant-dropping aircraft worked throughout the day, cooling hotspots with water and painting the ridge lines with fire retardant on the northwest side of the fire where heat was detected. Hand crews, dozers, and engines aggressively attacked the fire on the north flank to slow growth. Protecting structures within the affected communities remains the top priority for the fire crews. A smaller crew camp has been established on the fire's north side to shorten driving distances and response time.

On the east side, firefighters continue using Mt. Baldy Road to hold the fire, which is slowly backing from the west. Along the foothills, the southern flank of the fire has shown little movement, allowing firefighters to construct direct line along the fire's edge, as well as crews strengthening containment lines by clearing and widening Sunset Peak Road with dozers and hand crews. Crews are monitoring and extinguishing hotspots in the fire's perimeter up the southwest flank and are feeling confident they can hold containment lines. Air attack continues to monitor fire activity in the steep terrain along of the west flank.

Evacuation Orders:

- Hwy 138 south to Lone Pine Canyon and Highway 2 east to Lone Pine Canyon Road.
- Piñon Hills from Wrightwood north to Highway 18 and Beekley Road west to LA County.
- Lone Pine Canyon from the community of Wrightwood to Highway 138/Lone Pine Canyon Road south to the forest.
- Entire community of Wrightwood.
- East Fork communities of Camp Williams Resort (café, mobile home park, campground) and River Community (near the resort).
- Mt. Baldy Road, all residents north of the San Antonio Dam up to the Mt. Baldy Resort.

Evacuation Warnings:

- The area of Phelan from Hwy 138 east to Baldy Mesa Road and Phelan Road south to Sayle Road.
- San Antonio Heights and Upland from the foothills south to 23rd Street.
- Piñon Hills from Wrightwood north to Highway 138 and Lebec Road west to Los Angeles County.

“Know Your Zone” by visiting the Genasys Protect website or download the app. protect.genasys.com

Evacuation Centers:

- San Bernardino County Fairgrounds: 14800 Seventh Street, Victorville, CA 92392
- Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center: 15556 Summit Ave, Fontana, CA 92336. Call (909) 854-5100
- Pomona Fairplex: 601 W McKinley Avenue Pomona, CA 91768 (Enter Gate 3, corner of McKinley and White)
- Animals:
 - Devore Animal Shelter: 19777 Shelter Way, San Bernardino, CA 92407. Call (909) 386-9820, or after hours: (800) 472-5609
 - Palmdale Animal Care Center (Small Animals): 38550 Sierra Hwy, Palmdale, CA 93550
 - Lancaster Animal Care Center (Small Animals): 5210 W Ave I, Lancaster, CA 93536
 - Antelope Valley Fairgrounds (Large Animals): 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536. Call 562-706-8581 prior to arrival.

For more information on shelters, visit:

- www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html
- <https://lacounty.gov/emergency/>
- If not already registered for emergency alerts, please register for them here:
 - <https://ready.lacounty.gov/emergency-notifications/>
 - <https://wp.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/alerts/>

CLOSURES:

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

WEATHER:

Conditions are shifting from hot, dry, and windy to colder trends with favorable humidity to also roll in. The high wind gusts predicted for last evening over the higher elevations never materialized.

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

PUBLIC MEETING ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 14

The Incident Management Team is in the process of setting up a public meeting on Saturday, Sept. 14, starting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed on Facebook. The goal is to have an in-person location for the meeting, if possible, hopefully in/near the Phelan area.