



BRIDGE FIRE

EVENING INCIDENT UPDATE

Sunday, September 15, 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: 54,658 acres

Percent Contained: 9%

Personnel: 2,775

Injuries: 3

Structures Damaged: 13

Structures Destroyed: 54

Cause: Under investigation

Location: Sheep Mountain Wilderness, San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

CURRENT SITUATION: Aided by moderate temperatures today, firefighters continued establishing and strengthening direct containment lines while constructing secondary containment lines with dozers and hand crews and strategically using aircraft where needed throughout the fire area.

The northwest flank of the fire continues to be the most active. Firefighters focused on direct attack along the fire’s edge with strike teams of engines, hand crews, and aircraft to protect the communities of Big Pines, Piñon Hills, and other areas to the northwest. The fire continues to back down to Big Pines Road and surrounding infrastructure near Forest Service campgrounds. Fire crews are reinforcing and mopping up containment lines while also falling hazard trees in the Wrightwood area and continuing to engage in structure defense.

To the northeast, firefighters are working hard to secure containment lines on the west side of the North Fork of Lytle Creek by prioritizing dozer lines and direct attack wherever possible to stop fire spread.

The east side of the fire is less active; however, it is still presenting risks to residents in the Mt. Baldy area, so evacuations remain in effect. Structure defense groups will remain in place to mitigate any isolated heat and continue the progress made by the previous operating shift, gaining depth in their mop-up operations along Mt. Baldy Road. However, on the southeast flank, due to the hard work of firefighters, an evacuation order was downgraded to a warning today in the foothill community of Upland from Mountain Avenue up to Shinn Road.

On the south side, firefighters have made good progress securing containment lines along the direct edge of the fire line and continue gaining depth in mop-up operations. They plan to continue increasing containment in this area while constructing secondary containment lines. With this good work holding, authorities lifted some warning areas in Claremont, La Verne, and San Dimas communities. To review current warnings and orders, visit protect.genasys.com

On the west flank, in the rugged and steep terrain of the Sheep Mountain Wilderness, firefighting efforts were successful in holding the fire from advancing near Rattlesnake Peak by constructing dozer and hand lines while aircraft dropped water.

Yesterday, damage inspection teams released 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/.

The next public meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, September 16, at the Lytle Creek Community Center, 14082 Center Rd., San Bernardino, CA at 7:00 p.m. The in-person meeting will also be live streamed via the new Angeles NF Fire Info [YouTube page](#). Along with [Forest Facebook page](#). Please submit questions early to 2024.Bridge@firenet.gov

Evacuation Orders:

- Mt. Baldy Road, all residents north of San Antino Dam up to the Mt Baldy Ski Resort.
- Highway 138 south to Lone Pine Canyon and Highway 2 east to Lone Pine Canyon Road
- The community of Wrightwood
- East Fork communities of Camp Williams Resort (café, mobile home park, campground) and River Community (near the resort)

Evacuation Warnings:

- West Cajon area of Highway 138 south to Lytle Creek and Oil Well Road East to Stone Basin
- 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
- 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.

[Protect.genasys.com](https://protect.genasys.com) If not already registered 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:

- 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 shelters, visit:

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

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:

Humidity will moderate at the lower elevations; however it will still be low at the ridgetops while stronger southwest winds and cooler temperatures from a significantly dry cold front will bring gusty winds up to 50 miles per hour.

Winds will switch from the southwest to the northeast, testing containment lines on the fire. Favorable winds, temperatures, and humidity will continue until Thursday, however hot and dry conditions will start 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” [Angeles National Forest - News & Events \(usda.gov\)](http://www.usda.gov/angeles-national-forest-news-events)