

BRIDGE FIRE MORNING INCIDENT UPDATE Sunday, September 22, 2024



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Start Date: September 8, 2024, at 2:12 p.m. Fire Size: 54,877 acres Percent Contained: 69% Personnel: 1,799 Injuries: 5 Structures Damaged: 17 Structures Destroyed: 81 Cause: Under investigation Location: Sheep Mountain Wilderness, San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

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>

CURRENT SITUATION: Today, firefighters will continue mop-up efforts across the fire, strengthening containment lines and felling hazardous trees to improve public and crew safety. Interior smoke may be visible in areas of the fire; this is expected with the current warming and drying weather trend, and crews will investigate smoke and extinguish isolated heat sources. Crews on the west flank will focus on constructing indirect line from Rattlesnake Peak north and from Mount Baden Powell south – tying in containment lines at Mount Hawkins. On the south flank, aircraft will drop water and fire retardant again today on the remaining open portion of line to get assist chew with containment. An Unmanned Aircraft System with infrared thermal imaging capability will also be used in the south to aid in identifying heat signatures.

Members of the public returning to fire-impacted areas in and around Wrightwood are asked to return any fire equipment found on their properties to San Bernardino County Fire Station 14 at 5980 Elm St., Wrightwood, Calif., 92397. Please do not take items to Wrightwood Elementary School.

A Forest Order closed portions of the Angeles National Forest on Sept. 21, 2024. The order closing the Bridge Fire area is available in local U.S. Forest Service offices and online at: <u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/angeles</u>.

Damage inspection teams have completed their inspections. Residents affected by the Bridge Fire can find information on the following websites: For San Bernardino County: prepare.sbcounty.gov/bridge-fire/

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

Local Assistance Centers:

Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties are working together to provide assistance to residents affected by the recent Bridge and Line fires. The purpose of the LAC is to provide a one-stop center where individuals, family members, and business owners may obtain information on services and assistance needed because of a disaster or damage to personal property.

https://recovery.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Bridge-and-Line-Fire-LAC-Final-Updated.pdf

For interactive maps on evacuations:

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

For emergency alerts, please register here:

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

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

ROAD CLOSURES:

- Eastbound Big Pines Highway at Largo Vista Road (residents only)
- Big Rock Creek Road at Fenner Canyon Road
- Mescal Creek Road at Mescal Canyon Road
- SR-39 at the base of San Gabriel Canyon (residents only)
- Glendora Mountain Road north of Big Dalton Canyon Road
- Glendora Ridge Road from Mt. Baldy to Glendora Mountain Road
- SR-2 at SR-39
- SR-2 Flume Canyon Road westbound

Additional closures may still be in place on roads managed and maintained by other agencies inside the forest. Most major roads in the Angeles National Forest are not managed or maintained by the Forest Service. We recommend also checking CALTRANS (<u>https://roads.dot.ca.gov/</u>), the Los Angeles County Road Closures list (<u>https://dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures/</u>) and the San Bernardino County Road Conditions (<u>https://dpw.sbcounty.gov/operations/road-closures/</u>) list for updates.

WEATHER:

The warming and drying trend in the area continues; the marine layer is expected to dissipate by early to midweek, dropping relative humidities and contributing to elevated fire danger. Then warmer, drier weather will likely last through the month's end.