

# **BRIDGE FIRE** INCIDENT UPDATE Monday, September 23, 2024



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Start Date: September 8, 2024, at 2:12 p.m. Fire Size: 54,877 acres Percent Contained: 71% Personnel: 1,056 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 **Hours:** 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Email:** <u>2024.Bridge@firenet.gov</u>

**CURRENT SITUATION:** Yesterday, additional gains were made in containment as crews completed securing direct and indirect control lines. Today, firefighters will continue mop-up efforts across the fire and strengthen both primary and secondary containment lines. Removal of hazardous trees will also continue, especially in Wrightwood, Grassy Hollow, and near Big Pines Highway. With the increased heat and drier weather, smoke may be visible within interior areas of the fire; crews will investigate the smoke reports and extinguish any isolated heat sources. Work on the southern flank in the Sunset Peak area will focus on further securing fire lines, while crews on the west side of the fire will be completing direct and indirect fire control lines in the Shoemaker Road area, securing the fire edge.

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: <u>prepare.sbcounty.gov/bridge-fire/</u> For Los Angeles County: <u>recovery.lacounty.gov/bridgefire/</u>

For interactive maps on evacuation zones and status, visit the following websites:

- Los Angeles County: Genasys Protect website or download the app. https://protect.genasys.com
- 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>

### **ROAD CLOSURES:**

- Eastbound Big Pines Highway at Largo Vista Road (residents only)
- Big Rock Creek Road at Forest Service Rd. 4N55
- 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 at 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:

High pressure will build across Southern California through the end of the week, driving the ongoing warming and drying trend, dropping relative humidities, and contributing to elevated fire danger. Daily high temperatures are likely to be 7 to 10 degrees above normal. The warmer, drier weather will likely last through the month's end.