



BRIDGE FIRE

MORNING 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: 25%

Personnel: 2,727

Injuries: 4

Structures Damaged: 13

Structures Destroyed: 66

Cause: Under investigation

Location: Sheep Mountain Wilderness, San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

CURRENT SITUATION:

Firefighters made significant progress last night with much colder temperatures, higher humidity, and minimal growth. In all areas of the fire, crews will prioritize securing and validating containment lines today to further increase the containment percentage and get residents back into their homes where hazards have been cleared. Strike teams of engines and hand crews, water tenders, and falling modules have been ordered to continue assisting fire personnel, along with air resources that have continued to support boots on the ground.

Today’s priority is in the fire’s northwest corner, which remains the most active. A smoldering tree fell and rolled across the line overnight, leading to a 1-acre slop-over on Fenner Saddle Road. Crews contained the fire spread and will work to line it today. The Big Pines corridor/Fenner Gap area still has challenges, but with the favorable weather today, crews are making progress containing fireline and mopping up around structures while being assisted by aircraft strategically dropping water and retardant.

In the Wrightwood area, safety hazards remain while firefighters continue mop-up operations and falling trees. Residents remain under an evacuation order until these hazards are cleared for the public and utilities are restored.

To the northeast, firefighters are working to prevent the fire from advancing from Wright Mountain towards the community of Lytle Creek by constructing dozer lines and engaging in direct attack wherever possible.

The fire's east flank is holding well, and safety hazards are being cleared so residents can repopulate the Mt. Baldy area. Today, hotshot crews are being prioritized to accomplish this mission.

The south side of the fire is also holding well, where firefighters are beginning the suppression repair process in areas with full containment and there is no further threat to the line. Additional containment will likely increase as firefighters prioritize validating their work in this area. There are still some heat signatures around the Sunset Peak area, and crews will continue working to extinguish them.

On the west flank, firefighters are constructing indirect fireline and will seek out hot spots with the assistance of aircraft and infrared imaging in this extremely steep and inaccessible 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:

- Mt. Baldy Road, all residents north of San Antonio Dam up to Mount Baldy Ski Resort
- The community of Wrightwood
- Big Pines Canyon Road to the community of Big Pines
- East Fork communities of Camp Williams Resort (café, mobile home park, campground) and River Community (near the resort)

Evacuation Warnings:

- Forest area of Telegraph Peak east to the Cucamonga Canyon and forestry area above Shinn Road and North Pine Canyon Road
- The southern community of Pinon Hills from Desert Front Road north to Highway 138 and State Highway west
- Highway 138 south to Lone Pine Canyon and Highway 2 east to Lone Pine Canyon Road
- 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:

- Fountain of Living Waters Church: 10120 Johnson Rd, Phelan, CA 92371
- 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 evacuation centers;

- 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:

There are minimal fire weather concerns for today. Generally favorable winds, temperatures, and humidity will continue through Thursday, however hot and dry conditions are expected to resume 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)