



BRIDGE FIRE

MORNING INCIDENT UPDATE

Wednesday, September 18, 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: 37%

Personnel: 2,622

Injuries: 4

Structures Damaged: 18

Structures Destroyed: 73

Cause: Under investigation

Location: Sheep Mountain Wilderness, San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

CURRENT SITUATION: Conditions were calm last night as firefighters continued their diligent work in strengthening containment lines and validating their progress. Helicopters were not needed overnight; however, they will focus on water and retardant drops in the highest priority areas in the northwest and southeast flanks.

The highest priority remains on the northwest flank, where steep terrain and heavy fuels still pose a challenge. Firefighters are going direct wherever possible and preventing the rollout of burning vegetation to halt further spread toward Mile High and Paradise Springs communities. Falling modules and other firefighting personnel remain in the area and throughout Big Pines, monitoring, mopping up, and mitigating hazard trees. They expect to add additional containment line percentage here in the coming days.

On the north flank, firefighters successfully conducted nighttime tactical firing operations to protect the Angeles National Forest’s recreation infrastructure in the Table Mountain area, which happens to be within a “Wildfire Crisis Strategy” landscape. Here, Angeles National Forest Fire Management conducted strategic fuel reduction treatments from 2022 through this year, utilizing mechanical thinning, chipping, and mastication, and prescribed fire that created “shaded fuel breaks.” This set the stage for protecting Forest infrastructure in the event of an unplanned wildfire and helped improve the health and resilience of this Jeffrey Pine forest.

On the northeast flank, crews continue constructing direct and indirect containment lines south of Wright Mountain to prevent the fire from spreading toward the community of Lytle Creek.

Air resources will be focused on dropping retardant on the southeast corner to aid firefighters in preventing the fire from spreading to the foothill communities below. This area is also a top priority for firefighters in gaining containment.

On the west flank, crews will work from the East Fork along containment lines, validating that no heat remains and that lines are holding to increase the containment percentage. Three hotshot crews were inserted by helicopter on ridgelines to construct an indirect line within the rugged 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:

- The area north of Icehouse Canyon remains closed to residents and the public.
- Big Pines Canyon Road to the community of Big Pines
- East Fork communities of Camp Williams Resort and River Community

Evacuation Warnings:

- Community of Wrightwood
- Shin Road north to Icehouse Canyon is open to residents only

For an interactive maps on evacuations:

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

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
- 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/>

ROAD CLOSURES:

- Big Pines Highway * Big Rock Creek Road *Largo Vista Road
- Mescal Creek Road
- Panorama Motorway
- SR-39 at the Base of San Gabriel Canyon
- Glendora Mountain Rd. north of Big Dalton Rd.
- Mt. Baldy Rd at Shinn Rd (open to residents only)
- Mt. Baldy at Ice House Canyon Rd.
- SR-2 at Flume Canyon Rd westbound

WEATHER:

Humidity recovery improved last night, and more moderate weather is expected to persist today in both in temperature and favorable winds for firefighters. Colder and wetter conditions are expected tomorrow, but on Friday a warming and drying trend will return, but with offshore winds.