

BRIDGE FIRE MORNING INCIDENT UPDATE Thursday, September 12, 2024

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Unified Command: CIIMT5, Los Angeles County Fire, Los Angeles County Sheriff, San Bernardino County Fire, San Bernardino Sheriff, CAL FIRE – San Bernardino/Inyo/Mono Unit

Incident Website:

inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/caanf-bridge-fire

Fire Information: (626) 662-0120 Media Line: (626) 470-1395 Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Email: <u>2024.Bridge@firenet.gov</u>

Fire Size: 51,167 acres Percent Contained: 0% Personnel: 471 Cause: Under investigation

Start Date: Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 2:12 p.m. **Location:** Sheep Mountain Wilderness, Angeles National Forest

CURRENT SITUATION

Overnight, the Bridge Fire displayed moderate fire behavior under favorable conditions due to decreased winds and elevated humidity levels. Firefighters were able to continue the work done by day crews while prioritizing structure protection by utilizing ground and air support. Forecasted weather will assist firefighters in the fight today. Crews continued to be engaged with structure defense in Wrightwood, Piñon Hills, and Mt. Baldy communities.

Yesterday, the most active fire behavior was on the north side, but more favorable weather conditions aided firefighters in structure defense and protection of the Piñon Hills community. Today, crews will continue that work and are constructing dozer lines in the Table Mountain area while strengthening containment lines and putting out hotspots within the fire's perimeter around the Wrightwood community.

On the east side, firefighters successfully held the fire west of Mt. Baldy Road, prioritizing structure defense in the Mt. Baldy Village, and will continue that progress today. Containment lines on the south side were established by several resources, including hand crews, and dozers. Retardant drops have been successful in aiding crews in protection of the foothill communities. Residents will see that work increase today. However, the northwest side of the fire presents a unique challenge due to its topography and steep terrain, making it difficult to access by ground crews. The southwest side of the fire is holding, and crews are mopping up and securing containment lines.

Evacuation Orders:

- Hwy 138 south to Lone Pine Canyon and Highway 2 east to Lone Pine Canyon Road.
- Piñon Hills from Wrightwood north to Highway 18 and Beekley Road west to LA County.
- Lone Pine Canyon from the community of Wrightwood to Highway 138/Lone Pine Canyon Road south to the forest.
- Entire community of Wrightwood.
- East Fork communities of Camp Williams Resort (café, mobile home park, campground) and River Community (near the resort).
- Mt. Baldy Road, all residents north of the San Antonio Dam up to the Mt. Baldy Resort.

Evacuation Warnings:

• The area of Phelan from Highway 138 east to Baldy Mesa Road and Phelan Road south to Sayle

Road.

- 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.

Evacuation Centers:

- San Bernardino County Fairgrounds: 14800 Seventh Street, Victorville, CA 92392
- Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center: 15556 Summit Ave, Fontana, CA 92336. Call (909) 854-5100
- Pomona Fairplex: 601 W McKinley Avenue Pomona, CA 91768 (Enter Gate 3, corner of McKinley and White)
- Animals:
 - Devore Animal Shelter: 19777 Shelter Way, San Bernardino, CA 92407. Call (909) 386-9820, or after hours: (800) 472-5609
 - o Palmdale Animal Care Center (Small Animals): 38550 Sierra Hwy, Palmdale, CA 93550
 - o Lancaster Animal Care Center (Small Animals): 5210 W Ave I, Lancaster, CA 93536
 - Antelope Valley Fairgrounds (Large Animals): 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536. Call 562-706-8581 prior to arrival.

For more information on shelters, visit:

- o www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html
- o <u>https://lacounty.gov/emergency/</u>
- If not already registered for emergency alerts, please register for them here:
 - o https://ready.lacounty.gov/emergency-notifications/
 - o https://wp.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/alerts/

CLOSURES:

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- SR-138 from Lone Pine Canyon Road to Beekley Road
- SR-2 closed from Big Pines to SR-138.
- San Gabriel Canyon and East Fork of the San Gabriel River
- Highway 39
- East Fork Road
- Glendora Ridge Road
- Glendora Mountain Road
- Mt. Baldy Road at Shinn Road intersection

WEATHER:

Exposed ridges at higher elevations have the potential to have higher wind speeds than the lower valley and canyon areas.

Humidity is expected to increase in valley and canyon areas.

High temperatures and dry condition continue in lower desert areas.

For information on smoke impacts and an interactive map, visit <u>fire.airnow.gov</u>.