



# BRIDGE FIRE

## MORNING INCIDENT UPDATE

Friday, September 13, 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](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/caanf-bridge-fire)

**Fire Information:** (626) 470-1404 \*\*\**new number*\*\*\*

**Media Line:** (626) 470-1395

**Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Email:** [2024.Bridge@firenet.gov](mailto:2024.Bridge@firenet.gov)

**Fire Size:** 51,884 acres

**Percent Contained:** 3%

**Personnel:** 2,104

**Injuries:** 0

**Cause:** Under investigation

**Location:** Sheep Mountain Wilderness, San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

**CURRENT SITUATION:** Due to excellent work by firefighters and moderating weather, containment has now been confirmed at 3% in the southwestern flank on the Bridge Fire with minimal growth in acreage.

The north flank of the fire is the number one priority in halting acreage growth, as well as continuing structure protection in Piñon Hills, Wrightwood, and Mount Baldy Village. On the northeast flank, the top priority is to keep the fire out of Lytle Creek. With a total of 15 helicopters assigned to this incident including four from the National Guard, aviation crews plan to focus on dropping water and fire retardant heavily in the northwest flank where the fire is currently the most active.

With the extremely steep terrain and lower humidities remaining in the higher elevations, firefighters will prioritize direct attack tactics to stop the rollout of burning vegetation causing spot fires below. Aircraft will be concentrating on dropping water and fire retardant on the northwest flank. Due to the rugged and steep terrain on the western flank of the fire, aircraft will continue monitoring for any heat signatures where ground crews cannot be inserted.

With the help of the marine layer increasing humidity in the lower elevations and favorable onshore winds, firefighters are making great progress in strengthening both primary and secondary containment lines in the southeast, south, and southwest flanks of the fire, while also gaining depth in their mop up operations.

### Evacuation Orders:

- Mt. Baldy Road, North Mountain Avenue and Shinn Roads from San Antonio heights to Wrightwood and east to Cucamonga Peak
- 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).

### Evacuation Warnings:

- The area of Phelan from Hwy 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.

“Know Your Zone” by visiting the Genasys Protect website or download the app. [protect.genasys.com](https://protect.genasys.com)

#### **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
  - Palmdale Animal Care Center (Small Animals): 38550 Sierra Hwy, Palmdale, CA 93550
  - 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:

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

#### **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
- Glendora Mountain Road
- Mt. Baldy Road at Shinn Road intersection

#### **WEATHER:**

Coastal marine influence and favorable onshore winds will aid firefighters in direct attack as fire backs downhill for most of the west half of the fire’s perimeter. However, at the higher elevations humidity will still be low and the desert areas will not have much humidity recovery. Overall, air masses are becoming more stable which will moderate fire behavior. For information on smoke impacts and an interactive map, visit [fire.airnow.gov](https://fire.airnow.gov).

#### **PUBLIC MEETING ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 14**

The Incident Management Team is in the process of setting up a public meeting on Saturday, Sept. 14, starting at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed. The goal is to have an in-person location for the meeting, if possible, hopefully in/near the Phelan area.