



BRIDGE FIRE

MORNING INCIDENT UPDATE

Sunday, September 15, 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 ***Original number***

Media Line: (626) 470-1395

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

Email: 2024.Bridge@firenet.gov

Fire Size: 54,567 acres

Percent Contained: 9%

Personnel: 2,625

Injuries: 2

Cause: Under investigation

Location: Sheep Mountain Wilderness, San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

CURRENT SITUATION: Last night, firefighters continued establishing and strengthening direct containment lines while constructing secondary contingency lines with dozers and hand crews throughout the fire area. Helicopters could not fly last night due to the smoke inversion layer hampering visibility. Despite this, firefighters gained 4% containment on the fire's southern flank.

Along Highway 2 and other roads in Wrightwood, a significant amount of fallen trees present a hazard and firefighters must take the time to fall and remove them. The northwest flank of the fire has been active and the highest priority, where fire is backing down to Big Pines Road and infrastructure near Forest Service campgrounds. Firefighters plan to continue securing containment lines while working to clear hazards to protect the communities of Wrightwood, Piñon Hills, and beyond.

To the northeast, the fire has reached drainages on the west side of the North Fork of Lytle Creek, however firefighters are prioritizing dozer lines and direct attack wherever possible to stop the fire's spread.

The east side of the fire is less active, however still presenting risks to residents in the Mt. Baldy area so evacuation orders remain in effect. Structure defense groups will remain in place throughout the day and night to mitigate any isolated heat and continue the progress made by the previous operating shift, gaining depth in their mop-up operations within the community and along Mt Baldy Road.

On the south side, firefighters are holding their containment line as fire behavior is moderating in this area. To the west in the rugged and steep terrain of the Sheep Mountain Wilderness, firefighters will continue constructing dozer and hand lines where gains can be made, while aircraft assists them with extinguishing hotspots, especially near Rattlesnake Peak.

Yesterday, damage inspection teams released 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/.

The next public meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16, at Lytle Creek Community Center, 14082 Center Rd., San Bernardino, CA at 7:00 p.m. It will also be live streamed via the new Angeles NF Fire Info [YouTube page](#). Please submit questions early to 2024.Bridge@firenet.gov

Evacuation Orders:

- Mt. Baldy Road, North Mountain Avenue and Shinn Roads from San Antonio Heights to Wrightwood and east to Cucamonga Peak
- Highway 138 south to Lone Pine Canyon and Highway 2 east to Lone Pine Canyon Road
- The community of Wrightwood
- Lone Pine Canyon Road south to the forest.
- East Fork communities of Camp Williams Resort (café, mobile home park, campground) and River Community (near the resort)

Evacuation Warnings:

- West Cajon area of Highway 138 south to Lytle Creek and Oil Well Road East to Stone Basin
- 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
- 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:

- 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)
- Antelope Valley Fairgrounds: 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA

Animals:

- Devore Animal Shelter: 19777 Shelter Way, San Bernardino, CA. (909) 386-9820. After hours: (800) 472-5609
- Palmdale Animal Care Center (Small Animals): 38550 Sierra Hwy, Palmdale, CA
- Lancaster Animal Care Center (Small Animals): 5210 W Ave I, Lancaster, CA
- Antelope Valley Fairgrounds (Large Animals): 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA. Call (562) 706-8581

For more information on shelters, visit:

- 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:

Although humidity was at 100% at the lower elevations, it was only 7% on the ridgetops. Lower humidities in this location will present challenges for firefighters, along with stronger southwest winds and cooler temperatures from a significantly dry cold front. Gusts up to 40 miles per hour will be present in treetops, which are more likely to fall as they have been weakened by fire.

Winds will switch from the southwest to the northeast, testing containment lines on the fire. Favorable winds, temperatures, and humidity will continue until Thursday, however hot and dry conditions will start 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 \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/angeles-national-forest-news-events)