



BRIDGE FIRE

MORNING INCIDENT UPDATE

Monday, September 16, 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: 54,690 acres

Percent Contained: 11%

Personnel: 2,785

Injuries: 3

Structures Damaged: 13

Structures Destroyed: 54

Cause: Under investigation

Location: Sheep Mountain Wilderness, San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

Public Meeting today, September 16, 2024

Lytle Creek Community Center: 14082 Center Rd., San Bernardino, CA at 7:00 p.m. The in-person meeting will also be live streamed via the new Angeles NF Fire Info [YouTube page](#). Along with [Forest Facebook page](#). Submit questions early to 2024.Bridge@firenet.gov

CURRENT SITUATION: Although windy conditions hampered night flying aircraft last night, firefighters were successful in their direct and indirect line construction, increasing containment by two percent.

The northwest flank of the fire continues to be the most active and is the priority for today’s operations. Despite the overnight erratic cold winds with gusts up to 30 mile per hour, crews were able to tie together two dozer lines with hand line. Firefighters focused on direct attack along the fire’s edge to protect the communities of Big Pines, Piñon Hills, and other communities to the northwest. While the fire continues backing down towards Big Pines Road, crews successfully held it in check last night. Today, crews will work to reinforce and mop up containment lines and fall hazard trees.

To the northeast, firefighters continue directly engaging along the fires edge with mop-up operations to secure containment lines. They are also working hard to strengthen containment lines on the west side of the North Fork of Lytle Creek by prioritizing dozer lines and direct attack wherever possible to stop fire spread.

The fire's east flank is less active; however, it still presents a risk to the Mt. Baldy area, and evacuations remain in effect. Structure defense groups will remain in place to mitigate any isolated heat and continue the progress made by the previous operational shifts. Along Mt. Blady Road, crews continue mopping up and feel confident the fireline is secure and have added black line on the map.

The south flank is holding, and firefighters have secured containment lines along the direct edge of the fire. There is still some isolated heat around Sunset Peak that crews will be seeking out to extinguish today. Heavy equipment, along with hand-crews, will continue constructing secondary containment lines in the area.

On the west flank, in the Sheep Mountain Wilderness's rugged and steep terrain, firefighting efforts successfully held the fire from advancing near Rattlesnake Peak by constructing dozer and hand lines. Today, firefighters will continue constructing containment lines to Ross Peak and Pidgeon Ridge.

Damage inspection teams have 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/

Evacuation Orders:

- Mt. Baldy Road, all residents north of San Antonio Dam up to the Mt Baldy Ski Resort.
- Highway 138 south to Lone Pine Canyon and Highway 2 east to Lone Pine Canyon Road
- The community of Wrightwood
- 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 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 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 there will be less of a coastal inversion today, a dry cold front will bring southwest winds, much cooler temperatures and higher humidity will persist. However, in the afternoon, winds will shift out of the northwest, testing firefighter containment lines.

Morning drizzles below 4,000 feet are possible today, however at the higher elevations' humidity will be lower and winds will be stronger.

Generally 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 \(usda.gov\)](http://www.usda.gov/angeles-national-forest-news-events)