

Madre Fire Incident Update 07/09/2025



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INCIDENT FACTS

| Unified Command Agencies: CAIIMT 8, Los Padres National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, and CAL FIRE SLU | | |
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| Incident Start Date: July 2, 2025 | Incident Start Time: 1:07 PM | Incident Type: Wildland Fire |
| Incident Location: Cuyama Highway and Gypsum Canyon, West of New Cuyama | | Cause: Under Investigation |
| Size: 80,610 Acres | Containment: 62% | Total Personnel: 1,450 |

CURRENT SITUATION

Firefighters are actively reinforcing both direct and indirect containment lines along the west and northwest edges of the fire. Crews in the north and northeast are engaged in mop-up and are actively patrolling existing lines. These efforts will aid in the prevention of reignition and ensure containment holds. The southeast flank of the fire continues to challenge crews due to the steep, rugged, and in some areas' inaccessible terrain. To access this area crews are being transported by air daily. Crews are working to complete mop-up along the Highway 166 corridor. There are still some unburned fuels and isolated heat sources remaining within the interior of the burned area. Aerial resources will remain engaged, weather permitting. Suppression repair has started in areas where containment lines have been secured.

Weather

The current forecast calls for hot and dry conditions. High temperatures are expected to reach the mid-90's, with relative humidities in the mid-teens. Winds will be predominantly from the northeast at 7-12 mph, with gusts up to 24 mph. Mid-week temperatures are expected to rise, with valleys approaching the low 100's, with relative humidities decreasing and poor overnight recovery.

Evacuations

Some evacuation areas have been downgraded, others have been removed, and some remain in place. The **County of San Luis Obispo** has multiple alert and notification systems for emergency information, please visit – <u>PrepareSLO.org</u> and <u>ReadySlo.org/wea</u>

For the latest information on evacuations and available resources for Santa Barbara County, please visit ReadySBC.org

Closures

Hwy 166 reopened as of 6:00pm Tuesday evening. If traveling through the area please use caution as firefighters, heavy equipment, and crews continue to work in the area.

All BLM lands in Carrizo Plain National Monument are closed to public access until further notice for public and firefighter safety. Entry is prohibited and violators face federal penalties including fines and possible imprisonment. Please see <u>Emergency Closure Order</u> for additional information.