



# GIFFORD FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: Tuesday, 8/5/25 Time: 8:00 AM



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**Incident Website:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/calpf-gifford-fire>



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**Location:** 15 miles NE of Santa Maria  
**Acres Burned:** 82,567  
**Containment:** 7%  
**Start Date:** August 1, 2025  
**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Incident Information:** 805-308-5533  
**Media Line:** 805-308-5539  
**Hours:** 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM  
**Email:** [2025.gifford@firenet.gov](mailto:2025.gifford@firenet.gov)

**Structures Threatened:** 872  
**Engines:** 115  
**Dozers:** 23

**Personnel:** 1,930  
**Hand Crews:** 40  
**Water Tenders:** 30

**Current Situation:** Last night, firefighters held containment lines along SR166 on the west side, but where the line continued north, the fire crossed Alamo Creek. Dozers previously constructed lines north of SR166 and encountered rocky areas. However, Night Operations redirected them into Alamo Creek and then north along a new route to intersect the transmission line road. Contingency lines have been constructed north of the transmission line, and those efforts are ongoing. The eastern flank of the fire has mostly stabilized, largely into the recent Madre Fire. However, there was a small slopover, which night crews successfully contained by establishing a line around it.

Today, the focus will be on Alamo Creek on the west side and along the transmission line to the north. The objectives for the southwest flank of the fire are to keep it east of Pine Canyon and away from structures. Firefighters will continue to construct contingency lines on the north and south flanks. Structure protection efforts continue in areas of concern. A base camp is being established in Santa Margarita and should be operational by Wednesday, which will put firefighters closer to the fire and reduce travel times.

**Weather:** Today, temperatures will reach highs from the mid-80s to mid-90s. Relative humidity is expected to dip into the mid-teens. Winds may gust up to 15 to 20 mph today and will test lines already constructed. The warming and drying trend is expected to continue from Wednesday through the weekend. Thursday and Friday will see 90 to 100 degrees, with increasing fire behavior.

**Evacuations:** Due to erratic fire behavior, residents should watch for changing conditions in their area. **For information on evacuations in Santa Barbara County**, please visit the following websites [ReadySBC.org](http://ReadySBC.org) and see the [Gifford Fire Evacuation Map](#). **For information on evacuations in San Luis Obispo County** which has multiple alert and notification systems for emergency information, please visit [PrepareSLO.org](http://PrepareSLO.org) and [ReadySlo.org/wea](http://ReadySlo.org/wea).

## **Evacuation Point(s):**

A Temporary Evacuation Point is now open at Benjamin Foxen Elementary School, located at 4949 Foxen Canyon Rd, Santa Maria. For assistance, you can also contact the American Red Cross at 805-678-3073.

**Animal Care:**

Large Animals, please call the County Animal Services Disaster Hotline at 805-681-4332.

Small/domestic animals, the following locations are available:

- 548 W Foster Rd, Santa Maria (open until 6pm)
- 1501 W Central Ave, Lompoc (open until 6pm)
- 5473 Overpass Rd, Goleta (open until 6pm)
- 111 Commerce Dr, Buellton (open to 5pm)

**Road Closure Notice:** State Route 166 remains closed between US 101 and Perkins Road in the unincorporated city of New Cuyama. Non-emergency traffic will not be allowed east of Tempusquet Road or west of Perkins Road. There are Exceptions. Please see the [Gifford Fire Road Closure Update announcement](#) on Inciweb..