



# GIFFORD FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: Monday, 8/4/25 Time: 9:00 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:** 65,062  
**Containment:** 3%  
**Start Date:** August 2, 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:** 460  
**Engines:** 51  
**Dozers:** 16

**Personnel:** 1,091  
**Hand Crews:** 32  
**Water Tenders:** 15

**Current Situation:** The fire remained active well into the night. Firefighters made significant progress to the north, constructing dozer lines that connected with the Madre Fire. In Cuyama Valley, dozers worked to build containment lines to keep the fire on Sierra Madre Ridge. On the west flank, dozers worked to create containment lines down to the Iron Ox Ranch and then east toward Aliso Creek.

Today is expected to be another active day, particularly as the fire aligns with topographical features along grass and brush-covered hillsides. The main priorities for today include improving containment lines on the northern flank to prevent the fire from progressing toward the Manchaca Wilderness, continuing efforts in Cuyama Valley to keep the fire on Sierra Madre Ridge as well as providing structure protection in Schoolhouse and Cottonwood Canyons, and enhancing containment lines on the western flank from Iron Ox Ranch to the east.

**Weather:** For today, mostly sunny and smoky conditions are expected. Afternoon temperatures are predicted to reach the mid-80s to lower 90s, with relative humidity dropping to between 15% and 25%. Diurnal winds are anticipated, which may increase fire activity this afternoon. A warming and drying trend is expected to continue from Wednesday through next weekend.

**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..