

Dolan Fire

Update – September 20, 2020

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Fire Information: 831-272-0222

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Media Information: 831-272-0221

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7018>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lospadresnationalforest>

Size: 128,261 acres

Containment: 46%

Personnel: 568

Start Date: August 18, 2020

Cause: Under Investigation

Structures Damaged: 4

Structures Destroyed: 19

YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITIES: Firefighters continued the process of bringing fire down the steep slopes along Highway 1 on the coastal side of the Dolan Fire yesterday. They specifically worked the area from Kirk Creek moving north to connect to firing operations to the containment lines along the road. Crews made good progress on this part of the fire and ignitions are nearly complete.

The east side of the fire had isolated pockets of heat, including the northeast portion of the fire around the Arroyo Seco River. Helicopters were called in to drop water on these hot spots and they'll continue to be monitored by fire managers.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES: The Incident Meteorologist (IMET) is forecasting continued warming with temperatures in the low 90s on the inland side of the fire for the next several days. Winds will be out of the northwest.

Along the fire perimeter from Arroyo Seco to Junipero Peak, air operations will keep a vigilant eye on possible fire movement and continue to respond with air support to cool hot spots with water. Retardant will also be available from the mobile retardant base in Arroyo Seco to use to moderate fire behavior. In addition to the Arroyo Seco area, firefighters will also pay close attention to any hot spots flaring up along the eastern perimeter near Pine Canyon.

Crews have nearly completed the process of bringing fire down to Highway 1 to contain the western flank of the fire. This road remains hazardous in these conditions and firefighters will continue working with CalTrans to remove falling rocks, rollout, and snags along Highway 1. There is currently no estimate of when the road will reopen at this time.

While the Dolan Fire area encompasses about 200 square miles, there has been little growth on the fire in the past few days aside from carefully planned burnout operations to contain the uncontrolled fire perimeter. While firefighters continue to patrol containment lines, local crews will begin the process of removing hoses, pumps, portable tanks and other equipment from North Coast Ridge Road and Highway 1 and along McKern Road. This equipment is no longer needed for suppression activities and will be sent back to fire caches where they can be inspected, cleaned and then used by another wildfire currently burning in the west.

EVACUATIONS: The Monterey County Sheriff's Office has evacuations ORDERS and WARNINGS in effect. For current evacuation information view the OES interactive map or call 211. SPCA Monterey County can assist with rescuing, sheltering, and evacuating animals. Call 831-373-2631 – day; 831-264-5455 – night; www.spcamc.org.

ROAD CLOSURES: HWY 1 is closed between mile post 25 and mile post 10. Nacimiento-Ferguson Rd is closed to all traffic from Highway 1 to the Fort Hunter Liggett base boundary line. For more information visit <https://roads.dot.ca.gov/>.

REGIONAL FOREST CLOSURES: Regional Order No. 20-10 USDA Forest Service has closed public entry to several national forests including the Los Padres National Forest.

WEATHER: Hot and dry conditions are forecasted for the fire area today with winds out of the northwest.

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