

Dolan Fire

Update – September 22, 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: 128,417 acres

Containment: 46%

Personnel: 535

Start Date: August 18, 2020

Cause: Under Investigation

Structures Damaged: 4

Structures Destroyed: 19

YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITIES: Caltrans, in coordination with Monterey County, reopened Highway 1 from Gorda to Lucia yesterday at 6:00 p.m. This section of the highway had been closed for approximately four weeks for public safety related to fire suppression activities on the Dolan Fire. There are still pockets of heat near the highway that will be monitored by fire personnel using infrared technology. Travelers are advised to continue using caution and be aware of emergency vehicles in the area.

As a reminder, the Los Padres National Forest remains closed at this time. For more information visit:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf/>.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES: Firefighters will continue to monitor the perimeter of the Dolan Fire today. Where necessary, they will also be cooling hot spots along uncontained fire lines on the northeast portion of the fire with helicopters. Additionally, crews will continue the backhaul of equipment from around the fire area back to the Incident Command Post in King City.

Increasingly hot and dry temperatures are forecasted today and in the coming days. While there is concern that rising temperatures could increase fire behavior, the methodical work of firefighters to contain this fire by constructing containment and contingency lines and monitoring the fire perimeter, has helped prepare for these conditions. Firefighters will continue to use all available tools to limit the growth of this fire to protect communities and private property.

Fire behavior in the interior of the fire area may increase with unburned pockets of green vegetation that can burn in the days and weeks ahead, producing smoke in localized areas. Residents and visitors to this area can expect to see fire activity like this until a season ending event of significant rain fully contains and controls the Dolan Fire. This weather event typically occurs in early-to-mid November.

Pacific Northwest Team 2 will transfer command of the Dolan Fire today at 6:00 p.m. to California Interagency Incident Management 15, a Type 2 Incident Management Team with Incident Commander James Harris.

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: Nacimiento-Ferguson Road 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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