

Dolan Fire Update



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Incident Website: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7018

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Big Sur FD: <https://bigsurfire.org/>

Incident Information:

Start / Report Date: Aug. 18, 2020

Cause: Unknown

Fuels Involved: Chaparral, Brush,
Timber understory

Size: 31,409

Location: Hwy 1(MM32.20) N of
Limekiln State Park, 10 miles S of
Big Sur

Containment: 40%

Injuries: 3

Structures Destroyed: 8

Resources:

Hand Crews: 13

Engines: 60

Dozers: 8

Helicopters: 10

Water Tenders: 22

Total Personnel: 896

Current Situation:

The inversion lifted earlier today allowing for more active fire behavior, primarily consuming unburned fuel within the fire perimeter. Rolling material (burning logs and vegetation) continued to create most of the fire spread.

The east side of the fire continues to burn further into the Ventana Wilderness. The fire is primarily backing in this area. A Hot Shot crew was able to access the Lost Valley area today and began building hand line along the fire perimeter, going direct, to minimize the fire size and expansion. The crews will remain out near the fire's edge (spiking out), staying in this area for several consecutive days before returning to base camp.

Crews continued work along the north section of the fire, improving and widening the line. With the north and northeastern containment lines holding well, residents were allowed back into the Partington Ridge area today. The Partington area remains under an Evacuation Warning.

Containment lines near Lucia and the Hermitage are also holding well. Active fire today in this area produced more smoke, but the fire is within containment lines and helping to eliminate the unburned fuel which can pose a threat to the lines if winds increase or shift direction. Crews continued to work on the primary containment line north of the Nacimiento-Ferguson Road and along the road to Cone Peak. Additional contingency lines farther south are also being scouted to ensure the fire can be kept within as small a footprint as possible if weather and fuel conditions change. Both dozers and hand crews are being used to build lines in this area.

California Interagency Incident Command Team 2 would like to thank Fire Chief Matt Harris for his hard work and cooperation as a Unified Incident Commander.

An excessive heat watch has been issued for this area and temperatures are expected to be in the 90's along the coast and low hundreds inland from Saturday morning through Monday afternoon. Winds are forecast to remain mild. Fire activity is expected to increase with this change in weather conditions and firefighting operations are being adjusted as necessary to ensure continued and increased containment throughout the weekend.

Updates and Meetings: Fire Information is producing two daily written updates. To request an update, email 2020.dolan@firenet.gov and provide your email address.

Weather: Tonight and tomorrow the marine inversion is expected to be at 1,500 feet with clouds and fog below and lower humidity and higher temperatures above. Weather is expected to be similar tomorrow and the inversion is expected to lift around 1:00pm.

Evacuations / Closures: Click [here](#) for an interactive map of Monterey County evacuations. For information about state highway closures go to <https://roads.dot.ca.gov/>.

This morning the Evacuation Order for Partington Zone C was downgraded to an Evacuation Warning. Access is permitted only for residents due to fire equipment and emergency personnel in the area.

The Evacuation Order issued Monday for the area south of Nacimiento-Fergusson Road, west of South Coast Ridge to Prewitt Ridge including Alms Ridge is still in effect.

Highway 1 remains closed with an expanded hard closure at Vista Point south to Pacific Valley Station. Rock slides, rolling debris, heavy fire traffic and repair crews working adjacent to and within the roadway are a continued safety concern throughout the Highway 1 closure.

Forest Order Number 05-07-51-20-19 remains in effect.

Smoke: The air quality in communities around the fire is forecast to range from good to moderate. Smoke intensity will continue to depend on local fire activity.

Alert Monterey County: To receive emergency notifications regarding evacuations and critical events in Monterey County please sign up for A!ert Monterey County at the following website: <https://member.everbridge.net/453003085611217/login>.

Cooperating and Assisting Organizations: Big Sur Fire, National Weather Service, California Highway Patrol, Monterey County Sheriff's Department, Big Sur Volunteers, Cal Trans, California State Parks, OES

Safety Message: This will be a long duration event. Residents in the affected area are encouraged to continue to prepare for the possibility of fire in their area in advance. Go to <https://www.ready.gov/wildfires> to learn how to prepare.