

Dolan Fire

Update – September 6, 2020

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Fire Information: 831-272-0222

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

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

Size: 34,175 acres **Containment:** 40% **Personnel:** 871 **Start Date:** August 18, 2020 **Cause:** Under Investigation

YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITIES: Lack of a marine layer increased fire behavior at lower elevations along HWY 1. This resulted in an increase in rock fallout along the highway. CalTrans is working to keep the highway clear.

Due to above average temperatures an increase in fire activity was seen in the southern and eastern sections of the fire. Crews continued to focus on improving the containment lines providing structure defense for the Limekiln Creek area. Air operations provided support for ground crews helping to slow fire progression.

Overnight firefighters patrolled HWY 1 scouting for potential hotspots and rollouts. Overnight lows were in the upper 80s to lower 90s with poor relative humidity recovery. Fire activity was minimal throughout the night.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES: Fighting the fire will not be the only hazard crews face today. Record breaking temperatures are predicted. Crews will be challenged with a high ignition probability and heat exhaustion potential.

Firefighters will scout containment line options in the Arroyo Seco drainage and Avia Ranch area. Crews will strengthen containment lines along McWay Ridge and within the Lucia and Hermitage areas, and complete the primary lines north of the Nacimiento-Ferguson Road and along the road to Cone Peak.

If conditions allow, a planned burnout operation will be used in the next few days to tie containment line into the fire's edge. Dozers, hand crews and masticators will work on additional contingency lines farther south. Helicopters will be available to support ground crews.

Structure protection along Highway 1 in the Partington area north and in the Lucia and Hermitage areas to the south will continue throughout the day.

EVACUATIONS: The Monterey County Sheriff's office has an Evacuation Order in effect for Zone B (Lucia) and Zone J (Prewitt Ridge). Warning are in effect for Zone C (Partington) and Zones K-S (Coast Ridge Road). Yesterday Zone A was downgraded to a warning. View the [interactive map](#) for Monterey County evacuations.

ROAD CLOSURE: Highway 1 is closed from north of Vista Point south to Pacific Valley. Visit <https://roads.dot.ca.gov/>

FOREST CLOSURE: [Forest Order Number 05-07-51-20-20](#) remains in effect on the Forest in the vicinity of the fire.

WEATHER: Record breaking temperatures are predicted for today. Temperatures in the 90's along the coast and 120 degrees inland are predicted. Lower relative humidities across the area are expected and winds are forecast to remain mild.

SAFETY: Fire personnel and equipment are staged and working in the Big Sur area. As Labor Day Weekend continues anticipate increased traffic in areas accessible by the public.

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