

Dolan Fire

Update – September 9, 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: 93,554 acres **Containment:** 40% **Personnel:** 738 **Start Date:** Aug. 18, 2020 **Cause:** Under Investigation

YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITIES: A fire shelter deployment of 14 firefighters occurred in the vicinity of the Nacimiento Guard Station injuring three, one critically. The injured firefighters were transported by helicopter to the hospital in Fresno for treatment. All three firefighters are reported to be in stable condition. The fire burned very actively from the afternoon through the entire evening on the eastern and southern edges.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES: Winds will shift from the north to the south/southwest as a marine layer spreads over the fire area bringing cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity levels to lower evaluations. Above the marine layer steep terrain, dry fuels and strong winds may impact fire behavior burning pockets of fuels, and short uphill runs are expected. Crews along the eastern perimeter will scout out along Kern Ridge to establish line and protect structures. Firefighters will scout out and identify possible opportunities for containment lines utilizing the 2008 Indian Fire burn scar. If weather permits burn operations will happen on the southern and eastern perimeter of the fire. Crews will continue to hold and improve existing lines in the northern perimeter. Structure protection continues in all affected communities. The fire will continue to burn actively to the south and rapid rates of spread can be expected especially in areas where drainages are aligned with the winds above the marine layer.

EVACUATIONS: The Monterey County Sheriff's has Mandatory evacuation orders for Lucia Zone B and Prewitt Ridge Zone J; Memorial Park FS Summer homes; Zone K South Coastal Ridge Road; Zone L Gorda. Evacuation warning in Zone 27. Advisory evacuation status are in effect in zone 24 east of Arroyo Seco Road; Zone M Salmon Creek Falls. View the [interactive map](#) on the Monterey Office of Emergency Services website for Monterey County evacuations.

ROAD CLOSURE: HWY 1 is closed from north of Vista Point south to Pacific Valley. Nacimiento-Ferguson Rd is closed to all traffic from Highway 1 to the Fort Hunter Liggett base boundary line. Los Burros Road, Plaskett Ridge Road, South Coast Ridge Road are closed except to residents. 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: Winds will shift from the north to the south southwest with possible gusts up to 30mph impacting fire behavior through approximately 1pm. A cooler marine layer will affect the fire below 1,000ft in elevation. Areas above the layer will see higher temperatures and increasing winds. Fire behavior is expected to moderate this afternoon as winds die down.

SAFETY: Drones should not be flown when an active fire is present. Drones can impede aircraft operations. When you fly, we can't! Firefighters are still actively using HWY 1 as a major access point to the fire. Falling rocks and debris continues to be a hazard. Most notably in the area of MP 35 on HWY 1.

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