



# FIRE UPDATE

Saturday, September 12, 2020  
9:00 AM

## BOBCAT FIRE

### TODAY:

Fire crews will continue to focus on increasing containment lines along the south end of the fire to protect the foothill communities. Throughout the day, heavy fire activity will continue to be seen on both the south and north ends. The eastern portion of the fire is burning downhill and entering into a burn scar from the Ranch2 Fire, creating less intense fire behavior for firefighters. Much of the western side of the fire is entering an old burn scar as well, which reduces the rate of spread. Steep terrain and dry fuels, some of which haven't burned in the last 60 years, will create challenges for crews. Local fire departments will continue to conduct structure protection within the foothill communities. Crews will also be working on the north end to keep the fire south of Highway 2 and west of Highway 39.

### YESTERDAY:

Crews worked actively all last night getting a foothold in southern end of the fire. Firefighters focused on protecting the communities at the south end of the fire where it is burning downhill as winds pushed the fire northeast yesterday. Two LA County Blackhawks worked the perimeter control in the southwest portion of the fire. Poor air quality due to smoke cover was experienced in the foothill communities and limited the use of aircraft. There was little fire movement on the west and east sides, with a majority of the fire growth occurring on the north and south ends.

### WEATHER:

Continued warm and dry conditions with poor humidity recovery along the ridgetops will allow active burning and fire growth through the night. There will be a slight cooling of temperatures Sunday. Poor air quality due to smoke cover will continue today. The fire area is under a Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory. Abnormally dry fuels are leading to extreme fire behavior and rapid rates of spread.

### EVACUATIONS ALERTS:

Evacuation warnings are in effect for Monrovia, Arcadia, Bradbury, Sierra Madre, Altadena, Duarte and Pasadena. At this time, no Evacuation Orders in these communities have been issued— however, it's important to stay well-informed as this is an evolving incident. An Evacuation Order has been issued for Camp Williams.

### SUMMARY:

The Bobcat Fire started on September 6th at 12:21. The fire is located near the Cogswell Dam and West Fork Day Use area. The fire is burning in heavy fuels with a rapid rate of spread. Along with California Team #1, the fire is currently managed under Unified Command by the Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office and cooperating fire departments.

### INCIDENT STATISTICS

**Location of Origin:** Angeles National Forest, Azusa, CA

**Start date:** September 6, 2020

**Size:** Approximately 29,245 acres

**Percent Contained:** 6%

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Resources Assigned:** 765 personnel

- Engines: 69
- Handcrews: 17
- Helicopters: 5
- Aircraft: 2
- Dozers: 5
- Water tenders: 5

### CLOSURES:

Road Closures:

- San Gabriel Canyon Rd (HWY 39) is closed at Old San Gabriel Canyon Rd.
- SR 2 (Angeles Crest Hwy.) is closed from Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road to Big Pines.
- Glendora Ridge Road
- Glendora Mountain Road

All 18 California National Forests are under a Closure Order; this includes the Angeles National Forest. The Forest is closed to all general activity, including developed campgrounds and day-use sites due to wildfire threat. Prohibition of the use of any ignition sources (campfires, gas stoves, etc.).

### SAFETY:

A temporary flight restriction is in place over the fire area. Wildfires are a No Drone Zone. Visit Know Before You Fly: <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.

### COOPERATORS:

Los Angeles County Fire Dept.  
Arcadia Police/Fire Dept.  
Los Angeles County OEM  
City of Monrovia  
City of Bradbury  
City of Sierra Madre  
City of Arcadia  
City of Altadena  
City of Duarte  
City of Pasadena



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