

Dolan Fire

Update – September 14, 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: 118,465 acres

Containment: 40%

Personnel: 756

Start Date: August 18, 2020

Cause: Under Investigation

Structures Damaged: 4

Structures Destroyed: 19

There will be a virtual public meeting today at 2:00 p.m. on the U.S. Forest Service Los Padres Facebook Page

YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITIES: Line construction along the ridge above Pine Canyon continued to hold the fire north of communities. Crews began a burnout operation off of constructed containment lines on the southern end of Prewitt Ridge in an effort to prevent the fire from moving south of McKern Ridge. Structure protection continued around Arroyo Seco yesterday. Fire behavior remained minimal overnight with some more moderate behavior around Nacimiento Campground. At 6:00 p.m. last night, Pacific Northwest Team 2 and Fort Hunter Liggett is now in unified command with CalFire. This will improve coordination and add personnel to suppression efforts across the fire.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES: Southwest winds are expected to challenge firefighters again today, pushing fire into the Arroyo Seco drainage. Several CalFire resources will immediately add capacity to the structure protection work in Arroyo Seco in addition to assisting with the construction of containment lines on the east side of the fire.

One of the top priorities for today will be for dozers to construct fire line between Prewitt and McKern ridges to keep fire from moving south of McKern Ridge. Steep, rugged terrain, extremely dry fuels and windy conditions will increase fire behavior above the marine layer today and aerial resources will assist firefighting efforts on the ground when conditions are favorable for flying to cool hot spots.

A heavy marine layer should moderate fire behavior on the coastal side of the Dolan Fire today, giving firefighters an opportunity to improve containment lines and continue mop-up. Firefighters will strengthen lines off of Prewitt Ridge and continue mop-up around structures. With the heavy marine layer, the fire is expected to back down to South Coast Highway 1 and firefighters will monitor structures in the area to ensure that fire behavior remains low.

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. SCPA Monterey County can assist with rescuing, sheltering, and evacuating animals. Call 831-373-2631 – day; 831-264-5455 – night; www.spcamc.org.

ROAD CLOSURES: HWY 1 is closed between mile post 25 and mile post 10. Nacimiento-Ferguson Rd 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. All National Forest Lands are closed to public entry in California.

WEATHER: Thinning of smoke and lifting of marine layer will lead to increased fire activity today. Increased temperatures and terrain driven winds are predicted throughout the day.

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