

Incident Update Dolan Fire 9/29/20



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Fire Information Line: 831-272-0222 Release Date: 9/29/20

Media Line: 831-272-0221 Incident Name: Dolan Fire

Type of Incident: Wildland

Incident Location: Monterey County CA Incident Report Date: 08/18/2020

Fire Cause: Under investigation Incident Report Time: 20:04

Acres: **124,924** % Contained: **85%**

Structures Damaged: 4 Habitable Structures Destroyed: 14

Fatalities: **0** Outbuildings Destroyed: **5**

Resources Assigned

Engines: 28 Helicopters: 5 Bulldozers: 1

Water Tenders: 10 Air Tankers: 0 Overhead Personnel: 155

Fire Crews: 6 Total Personnel: 502

Current Situation

A marine layer came in last night keeping the area cool and limiting fire activity. We are expecting continued hot and dry weather today, where temperatures could reach triple digits. This will be a good test for our containment line. Firefighters continue to take advantage of the VETS IR to help identify hotspots within the fire perimeter that might not otherwise be seen. This enables hand crews and helicopters to locate and extinguish these areas. We are also using the IR technology to validate the line segments ensuring that the fire is out. Crews are taking aggressive actions towards securing any residual heat signatures and visible smoke in all areas of the fire.

The significant reduction in acreage is due to an earlier controlled burn area previously thought to be part of the Dolan Fire footprint. This area is on the south side of the fire, on Fort Hunter Liggett property. The addition of the low elevation IR asset has been a valuable tool to validate the fire line.

Today crews will remove a large redwood snag that is unsafe for firefighters to cut down using an Explosive Hazard Treatment. The tree is approximately 125' tall and is a threat to firefighters, the public and the Nacimiento Ferguson Rd. The treatment will be done in coordination with the Monterey County Sheriff's Department Arson Bomb Squad. Firefighters will be onsite including our Operations Chief, Safety Chief and Type 6 engine crews to clean up the tree once it's on the ground.

<u>Evacuations</u>: - The Evacuation WARNINGS have been lifted for Zones: 26, 24, B2- Lucia South, J-Prewitt Ridge Area, K-South Coast Ridge Rd. Zone 27 has been downgraded to WARNING. For current evacuation information view the OES interactive map or call 211.

<u>Closures</u>: The Los Padres National Forest extended the forest recreation closure through October 1, 2020. Nacimiento-Ferguson Road 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/

Cooperators

California Highway Patrol, Monterey County, Monterey County Sheriff's Office, Big Sur Volunteers, Cal Trans, California State Parks, Monterey County Office of Emergency Services, Ventana Wilderness Alliance, Esselan and Salinan Tribes, CalFire, Fort Hunter Liggett.

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