



# GLORIA FIRE

## Incident Update

Saturday, August 29, 2009, 7:00 a.m.  
[www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov)

**Fire Information Line: 831-647-6257**

**Incident Name:** Gloria Fire

**Location:** Northeast of Soledad in Monterey County

**Start Date & Report Time:** August 27, 2009, 2:56 p.m.

**Acres:** 6,000 Acres

**% Containment:** 60%

**Expected Containment:** Monday, August 31 –  
6:00 p.m.

**Fire Engines:** 110

**Fire Crews:** 32

**Bulldozers:** 26

**Helicopters:** 5

**Airtankers:** 3

**Total Personnel:** 1,083

**Injuries:** 1

**Structures Damaged:** 0

**Structures Destroyed:** 1 residence

**Cause:** Agricultural fireworks

**Current Situation:** The fire actively burned on the north east flank within the perimeter. Overnight, firefighters made good progress building containment lines and will continue to work on securing the eastern flank.

Temperatures are forecasted in the high 90's for Saturday with low relative humidity with the winds picking up in the afternoon from the North West.

Crews will be inspecting properties to mitigate any life hazards, such as downed power lines, before residence are allowed to return.

On Thursday afternoon, a CAL FIRE helicopter was involved in a wire strike with a high voltage power line. The helicopter landed safely with no injuries.

**Evacuations:** Remain in affect for the area of Highway 146 and Bryant Canyon. There are approximately 100 homes threatened by the fire. If conditions allow, repopulation of affected areas could begin as early as tomorrow evening. An evacuation center has been set up at the Soledad High School. This center is also open for large and small animals needing shelter.

**Road Closures:** Hwy 146 is closed east of Metz Rd

**Cooperating Agencies:** Multiple fire agencies from across Monterey county, Monterey County Sheriff, CalEMA, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Red Cross, and the City of Soledad.

**Additional Information:** Residents who need more information can go to [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov) or contact the Gloria Fire Information Line at 831-647-6257 or 831-333-2672.

The West side of the Pinnacles National Monument and all backcountry trails are closed to park staff and visitors. The park east side picnic areas, campground and bench trail remain open. All fires are currently prohibited in the park except for the use of gas stoves in designated areas. For general park information visit [www.nps.gov/pinn](http://www.nps.gov/pinn).

