

PONDEROSA FIRE UPDATE
Monterey Ranger District, Los Padres National Forest
Tuesday, August 4, 10:00 am



Information Center: 831-385-5434, ext. 277 Public Inquires, ext. 283 Media
(8am-8pm)

Fire information online: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/1551/>

Fire Statistics	Firefighting Resources
Acres burned: 360 ac.	Crews: 16
Miles of fireline to build: 1.9 mi.	Engines: 18
Date started: 8-1-2009	Helicopters: 7
Percent contained: 16%	Air tankers: 9
Expected containment: No estimate	Dozers: 4
Firefighter injuries to date: 2 Minor, Firefighters returned to duty	Total personnel assigned: 602
Structures threatened: 0	
Structures destroyed: 0	
Suppression cost to date: \$800,000	

Current Status: Crews working during the night were able to complete fire line connecting the Nacimiento-Ferguson Road with the fire lines constructed by firefighters yesterday. Today crews will work to hold and strengthen this line. On the southern side of the fire, where access is difficult, 4 crews will be flown in by helicopter and 4 crews with hike into the area to begin line construction. Firefighters are taking every advantage of the moderate fire behavior over the last 2 days to accomplish as much direct attack on the fire as safely possible.

The east flank of the fire has not had crews assigned because the area is inaccessible and it would not be safe to put crews in that part of the fire. Today, crews will be assigned and begin preparation of contingency lines for any further suppression activities.

Highway, Road and Area Closures: Highway-1 is open. Nacimiento-Ferguson Road is open from Hwy 1 to the junction with the South Coast Ridge Road. The South Ridge Road is closed at the junction with Nacimiento Ferguson Road. Nacimiento Ferguson Road is closed from the junction with the South Coast Ridge Road to Ft. Hunter Liggett.

Media: Media must be escorted through Ft. Hunter Liggett. Request for media access can be made by contacting the Information Center at 831-385-5434 x 283.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS: Effective Wednesday, August 5, 2009, the Los Padres National Forest will impose additional fire restrictions. These additional restrictions are in response to the increasing fire danger and possibility of wildland fire. The additional fire restrictions include:

- Recreational target shooting is prohibited in all areas of the national forest except at Winchester Gun Club in Santa Barbara County and the Ojai Valley Gun Club in Ventura County. Hunting with a valid California hunting license is exempt from this restriction.
- Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the national forest except within an enclosed vehicle, building or campfire use site.

For additional information regarding fire restriction already in place visit the Los Padres National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres.

Weather: Temperature: 90, Relative Humidity: 18%, Winds: South, 5-10 mph with gusts to 15

Agencies & Cooperators: Ft. Hunter Liggett, CalFire, CHP, Monterey County Sheriff's Dept.