

# The Fires: Day 9

Monday, October 29, 2007

## Predictive Services Morning Report:

A couple of weak low-pressure areas will move through Central California bringing much cooler temperatures and much higher humidity to the region through Wednesday. These weak low-pressure areas will also bring scattered showers mainly to Central California this afternoon through Wednesday. There will also be scattered thunderstorms over Central California this afternoon. Most Central California locations will receive less than a quarter-inch of rainfall, and locations over Southern California will receive little or no measurable rainfall through Wednesday. There will be gusty south-to-west winds over the mountains and deserts this afternoon.



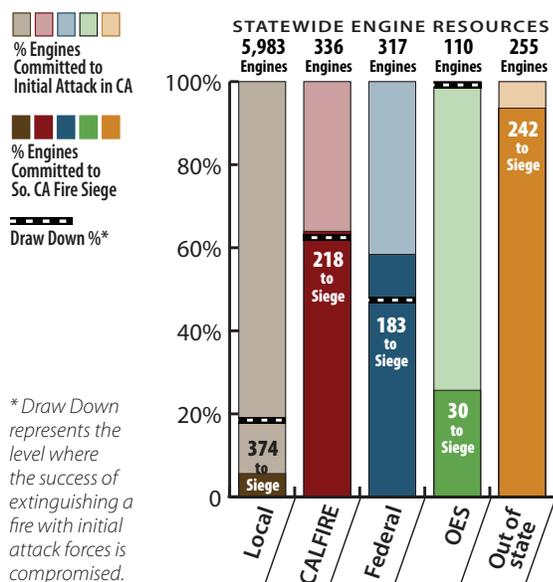
Many communities built with fire safe building practices passed the ultimate test by surviving the siege.

## Today's Events:

The **Santiago Fire** continues to threaten structures and private property within the Silverado area. Direct line construction is chosen over burning out to limit the potential for long-term effects, in particular flooding and rock fall. Changing wind patterns and problematic fuel and topographic conditions have produced severe fire behavior during past several burning periods. Although fire behavior has moderated, a mild-to-moderate offshore wind event is forecast for the coming weekend. Continued aircraft support is considered critical.

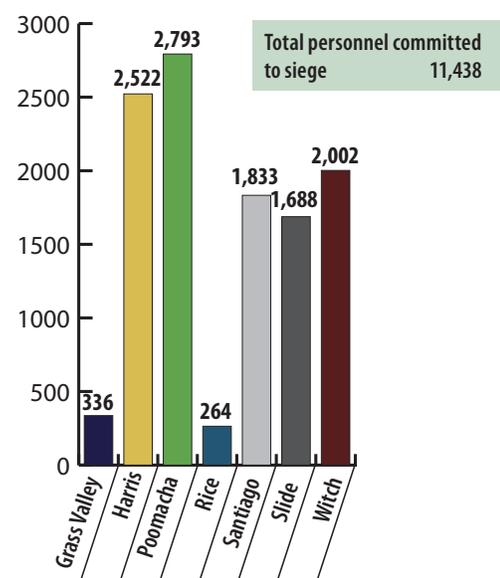
## Resources Committed:

Engines, October 29, 2007



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Personnel, October 29, 2007



■ State Superintendent of Public Instruction announced assistance and fiscal relief for schools affected by the wildfires.

The wind hampers efforts for a firing operation planned for the steep terrain in the north/northeast areas of the **Poomacha Fire**. Fire activity consists of a slow backing fire north of Palomar, divided with moderate runs upslope within the interior of the burn. Although bulldozer and hand line are complete around slop-overs, these areas are still of concern. Evacuation orders for Palomar Community and the La Jolla Indian reservation areas are evaluated.

Line construction and improvements are nearly complete in all branches of the **Witch Fire**. San Diego Gas and Electric continues to restore utility service to affected areas. Damage assessment and fire line suppression repair are ongoing. Personnel from the cities of San Diego, Poway, Escondido, the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District and Heartland Fire Zone transition out of unified command to serve as Agency Representatives. Arrival of additional resources allows initial attack resources in San Diego County to return to their respective jurisdictions. Heavy demobilization occurs.

Crews on the **Slide Fire** continue to make good progress in closing the open fire line perimeter in the south/southeast areas of the fire. With 100% containment expected at the end of this operational period, the **Grass Valley Fire** prepares to transfer command to the Slide Fire incident management team. Demobilization of excess local resources continues.

Crews continue secondary searches, improvement of control lines, mop-up and patrol on the **Harris Fire**. Interpretation of infrared imagery continues to be used to identify hot spots and focus mop-up efforts. Inspection of affected structures and fire suppression rehabilitation needs continues. Excess resources are demobilized.



■ Resources Committed: Aircraft, Flight Hours, October 29, 2007

