



## POWERHOUSE FIRE INFORMATION

**(626) 574-5200 8AM – 9 PM**

**Saturday, June 1, 2013 – 10:00 pm**

**Acton, CA** – There was very active burning on the Powerhouse fire today. Steep slopes, strong winds, low relative humidity and very dry fuels combined for extreme fire conditions.

The fire is at 5,561 acres with 20% containment. It has crossed Lake Hughes road to the northwest triggering evacuations in the Lake Hughes community. Lake Hughes road has been closed from Elizabeth Lake road to Lake Castaic. In the southern portion of the burning area, the fire burned across Ruby Canyon road impacting SCE transmission lines.

The fire continues to actively burn this evening. Several hundred firefighters continue to aggressively fight the fire through the night, including protecting structures.

The fire continues to move towards the Tule Canyon; South Portal Canyon; Lake Elizabeth Canyon and toward 500 kv power transmission lines and other distribution lines near the fire perimeter. The communities of Hughes Lake, Elizabeth Lakes, Green Valley, Cottonwood Campground and a youth probation camp all remain threatened as the fire moves toward them.

### **Evacuations:**

- The Lake Hughes Community is under mandatory evacuation. The Lake Elizabeth community is under voluntary evacuation at this time. A Red Cross shelter has been set up at Marie Kerr Park in Palmdale: 626-536-1152, 661-433-9710.

### **Closures:**

- **Hikers on the PCT are being redirected** from the trail at Bouquet Canyon road and routed north outside of the Forest boundary along the California Aqueduct trail crosses the Aqueduct. Please check [PCTA.org](http://PCTA.org) or [inciweb.org](http://inciweb.org) for re-route maps.
- Lake Hughes road has been closed from Elizabeth Lake road to Lake Castaic.
- Francisquito Canyon road is closed above the Power House and below Green Valley.

### **Power House Fire Summary:**

**Size:** 5612 acres

**Containment:** 20%

**Date Started:** 05/30/2013

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Structures Threatened:** 1,210

**Resources:** 93 engines, 12 water tenders, 7 dozers, 38 hand-crews, 8 helicopters, 1 fixed-wing aircraft and 8 air tankers

**Injuries to Date:** 3 minor

**Impacts:** Smoke impacts to local communities (Palmdale area); Pelona Vista Park is closed, PCT hikers are being re-routed and an Edison transmission line is threatened

**Total Personnel:** 991