



POWERHOUSE FIRE

PRESS RELEASE

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The Powerhouse Fire started on Thursday, May 30th at approximately 3:30pm. The fire started in the Angeles National Forest south of the community of Green Valley off of San Francisquito Canyon Road on the Santa Clara Mojave Rivers Ranger District. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. The most recent mapping indicates the fire is 22,242 acres and is continuing to move north and north west due to some spot fires and windy conditions. There are 2185 firefighters assigned to this incident.

The fire has crossed Lancaster Road and The California Aqueduct and is not expected to move further north. Fire west of Lake Hughes will burn upslope towards Sawmill Mountain and Sawtooth Mountain. Sawmill Mountain is the most recent area where we are beginning to see some "fire fingers". Aircraft and firefighting crews are being deployed into this region. Fire crews are actively working to protect structures in Lake Hughes and Elizabeth Lake areas. To the East the in the Green Valley area the fire has not been active today. Most areas around the fire are under evacuation orders and LA County Sheriff's and other enforcement officers are requesting that residents leave the area.

Fire crews are mopping up and securing the fire line at the starting point, this area is considered "cold". At San Francisquito and Red Mountain Road dozers are actively working to secure the fire line. To the southwest the fire is moving slower and down slope off of Lake Hughes Road.

The fire is 20% contained and firefighting efforts have been successful. Line firefighters are experiencing winds of approximately 20 mph. The growth potential is considered "Extreme". On Monday the temperature is expected to rise to 97 degrees and winds will peak at 25 to 35 mph.

Fire is threatening over 1000 structures including homes, businesses, commercial property, out buildings and a solar generating facility. In this firefight power and transmission lines continue to be a concern. Both fixed wing and helicopters are being used to fight the fire. Resources have been deployed from the US Forest Service, Los Angeles County Fire, Cal Fire, and other regional fire agencies.

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