



POWER HOUSE FIRE INFORMATION

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Friday, May 31, 2013

Acton, CA – The Power House fire started on Thursday, May 30th just after 3:30PM approximately 3 miles west of Bouquet Reservoir in San Francisquito Canyon on the Santa Clara / Mojave Rivers Ranger District of the Angeles National Forest. It is burning north toward Tule Ridge into steep brushy terrain, much of which has not burned in decades. High winds and low humidity contributed to rapid fire growth in the first 3 hours of the fire.

Although aggressive firefighting tactics were deployed immediately, the fire was spotting (jumping) up to quarter of mile. Both fixed-wing and helicopters dropped water and retardant to build and support fire-line. Firefighters on the ground built fire lines and caught spot fires as much as possible. Power lines were affected by the fires growth and are being assessed for damage. Residents of the Green Valley community were evacuated yesterday afternoon but were able to return to their homes by evening.

A Type 2 fire management team was requested yesterday afternoon. Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team One is in place and managing the fire as of 0600 this morning for the Angeles National Forest. The Incident Command Post is located at the Pelona Vista Park in Palmdale.

The fire grew to **1400 acres** overnight including a 200 acre spot fire to the east. Containment is at **15%**. Crews continued to build fire-line through the night.

Due to fire activity, a **Pacific Crest Trail re-route** is being implemented in the fire vicinity. The trail will be closed and the alternative route from the south is to go north at Bouquet Canyon road to Elizabeth Lake Canyon road, travel 1 mile east to Godde Hill road, then north on Godde Hill road to the California Aquaduct. Follow the Aquaduct west for about 28 miles until it rejoins the PCT. Recent fire activity has prompted a forest closure in this area as well. Please refer to **www.PCTA.org** for further details and a map of the reroute.

Trail Closure:

- The PCT is being closed on the Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District north and west of the intersection of the PCT and Bouquet Canyon road.