



# Indians Fire

## Monterey Ranger District---Los Padres National Forest

### June 14, 2008 6:00 PM



Los Padres NF Fire Information Center: (805) 961-5770 (8:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.)  
Inciweb ([www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org)) is experiencing technical difficulties, so basic fire information will be posted temporarily on the Los Padres National Forest website at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres). The CAL FIRE website also contains fire information: [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov).

**Location:** 14 miles west of King City in the Monterey Co. portion of Los Padres National Forest. It is burning largely within the Ventana Wilderness.

**Date/time started:** June 8, 2008 / 12:36 pm

**Total acres burned:** 32,382

**Percent contained:** 20%

**Fire line to be constructed:** 55 miles

**Expected containment:** Not determined

**Expected control:** Not determined

**Suppression costs to date:** \$6,000,000

**Structures threatened:** 660 residences, 150 other

**Cause:** Escaped campfire

**Firefighters injured to date:** Seven.

**Terrain/vegetation:** Steep and rocky with grass, chaparral and trees

**Difficulties:** Steep terrain, limited access, heavy fuels and drought conditions, along with dry, gusty winds.

#### Personnel and equipment:

Hand Crews	Engines	Dozers	Helicopters	Air Tankers	Total Personnel
48	102	9	11	7	1,923

**Fire activity today:** The fire continued moving to the north and northeast. Structure protection engines were in place throughout the Bear Canyon and Coleman Canyon areas. Crews continued working in the Reliz Road and Coleman Canyon areas constructing contingency lines ahead of the fire. The south/southeast winds that were predicted did not materialize, giving fire crews a chance to improve and add new fire line. The increased acreage was largely attributed to more accurate mapping.

**Structures damaged or destroyed:** The fire burned one residence and several outbuildings on June 10 on the Chase Ranch northwest of Fort Hunter Liggett. One cabin in the Santa Lucia Summer Home tract sustained minor damage on June 10.

**Weather predicted for tonight:** At 2000' elevation and below: temperature 50-60, relative humidity 60-80% and light down canyon winds at 1-4 mph. Above 2000' elevation; temperature 60-70, relative humidity 20-30%, winds from the south/southwest at 5-10 mph. A weak inversion will hold smoke in the lower drainages below 2000 feet.

**Evacuations:** Summer cabins in the Santa Lucia Tract; 6 residences on private land at the north edge of Fort Hunter Liggett. A public meeting was held at 5 PM today with residents of Pine Canyon to inform them of procedures in the event an evacuation becomes necessary.

**Closures and Road Status:** A portion of the Ventana Wilderness and adjacent forest lands in the general vicinity of the fire are closed to public entry until further notice. Arroyo Seco-Indians Road and Cone Peak Road are closed. Nacimiento Fergusson Road is open. Memorial and Escondido Campgrounds are closed. Arroyo Seco Campground and Day Use Area are open. Coastal campgrounds are open.

**Agencies:** U.S. Forest Service, CAL FIRE, Fort Hunter Liggett, Bureau of Land Management, Monterey County and other cooperators.

**Incident Commander:** The incident is being managed in Unified Command with Bill Molumby (California Interagency Incident Management Team 2); Rick Hutchinson (CAL FIRE); Chief Mike Crum (Fort Hunter Liggett).

**Incident Command Post location:** Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL)

**Information Office at Incident Command Post:** (916) 366-5977, extension 76003

Media access on FHL is restricted; all media must be escorted by a PIO. Contact Information Officer Steve Kliet regarding access. There will be a tour for credentialed news media at 1:00pm. daily. Meet the Incident PIO at the Chevron Station Jolon Road & Pine Canyon Road. All media must wear personal protective clothing (Nomex shirt and pants, hard soled shoes, and hard hat) to access the fire line.