

Alisal Fire Update 8 a.m. Sunday, October 17, 2021

Forest Service News Release

17, 253 Acres

78% Containment

1,655 Total Personnel

Yesterday

Warm temperatures mixed with very dry and windy conditions resulted in an increase in isolated fire activity. A spot fire approximately an acre and a half popped up outside a retardant line on the northwestern corner. Firefighters immediately contained it with dozer and hand lines while aircraft doused it with water. Crews mopped up containment lines near Reagan Ranch. Young fuels left behind by the 2016 Sherpa Fire have lent themselves to steady progress to the east, where rugged terrain pose challenges to firefighters and their heavy equipment. Along California 101 — which reopened Oct. 14 — firefighters fortified containment and continued mop-up efforts. Motorists along Hwy 101 are encouraged to give firefighters and their equipment wide berth when passing. Additionally, on the northeastern corner, an area less than an acre slopped over the perimeter, but crews constructed handline and flanked hose around it.

Today

Few hot spots remain. Today's main priority is to contain patches of heat remaining to the northwest edge of the fire. Crews will also focus on holding the rest of the fire's footprint. Crews will continue to use aviation assets as conditions allow.

Weather

Onshore flow will strengthen across the area, bringing cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity. Southerly and up-valley winds will prevail through today with gusts around 20 mph. Later this evening and into tomorrow, a dry cold front will sweep across the area, delivering even cooler temperatures and higher humidity. It will, however, also bring strong northwest to north winds to the fire with gusts up to 25-35 mph.

Evacuations

The **Evacuation Warning** for the area west of Highway 101, including Gaviota Beach and Hollister Ranch properties, **has been cancelled**. Take caution when returning home as emergency personnel remain in the area. Stay alert to changing conditions. The Evacuation ORDER remains in place at this time.

Stay connected for the latest accurate information:

- Incident Information (Inciweb): <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7862>
- StoryMap: <https://bit.ly/AlisalFire>
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/LosPadresNationalForest
- Evacuations: <https://readysbc.org>

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