

# Alisal Fire Update for Monday, October 18, 2021

8 a.m.- Forest Service News Release

- **17,254 Acres**
- **80% Containment**
- **1,304 Total Personnel**

## Yesterday

The day saw minimal fire activity as a cold front pushed cooler weather and increased moisture levels through the area. Crews again made more progress on containing the fire. While there was a small slop over the perimeter along the northwest edge near Nojoqui Creek, super-scooper fixed-wing aircraft dropped water on it and firefighters quickly secured the flames. To the southern edge of the fire motorists along California Highway 101 are reminded to give firefighters and their equipment wide berth when passing.

## Today

Fire suppression efforts begin to transition to repair. Few hot spots remain. Today's priority is to contain patches of heat along the northwest edge of the fire and continue to keep the fire within the current footprint.

## Weather

Expect cooler temperatures, high humidity levels and wind gusts from the north-northwest up to 40 mph today. A slight warming and drying trend is forecasted for Tuesday through Friday. Winds continue pushing over the area from the south with little potential to create a flare-up or spot fire.

## Evacuations

The Evacuation Order for the area west of Arroyo Hondo to intersection of Hwy 101 and Hwy 1, the Arroyo Hondo Canyon and Refugio Canyon, and the area between El Capitan Beach State Park and West Camino Cielo has been canceled. Take caution when returning home as emergency personnel remain in the area. Southern California Edison (SCE) is in the process of replacing power poles and will continue inspections via helicopters throughout the week. This area is restricted to residents only. Others without proof of residency or official business in the area may be cited by law enforcement.

## Closures

Los Padres National forest has issued a closure of the Santa Barbara Ranger District in the area surrounding the fire. The closure expires Nov. 16, 2021. A map highlighting the closed area is at [www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf).

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