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Update 2: Palm Fire At Bottom Of Highway 330 – Full Containment

Michael P. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

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UPDATE 2: Tuesday, August 30 – 6:55 p.m.

Highland, CA – **San Bernardino County Fire** is reporting the Palm Fire is fully contained at about 10 acres.

There was one firefighter injury, according to information provided by County Fire.

County Fire was assisted by the U. S. Forest Service and CALFIRE.

UPDATE: Tuesday, August 30 – 5:45 p.m.

Highland, CA – The U. S. Forest Service is reporting the forward rate of progress on the Palm Fire west of highway 330 has been stopped.

The fire burned about 10 acres.

Firefighters are in mopping up mode.

ORIGINAL STORY

Highland, CA – The so-called Palm Fire just west of Highway 330 at Palm Avenue in Highland was reported at about five (5) acres shortly after it was reported about 4:45 p.m.

However, the U. S. Forest Service is reporting firefighters have a good handle on the fire and are making good progress.

The fire was initially called the Shadow Fire, according to Twitter posts by the Forest Service.

<http://rotwnews.com/2016/08/30/palm-fire-at-bottom-of-highway-330/>

Fire in foothills above Highland quickly contained

Kristina Hernandez, Redlands Daily Facts

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Children delivered water to firefighters battling a 10-acre blaze in the foothills above Highland on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2016. (Kristina Hernandez/Staff)

HIGHLAND >> Firefighters attacked a brush fire Tuesday afternoon in the 2900 block of Palm Avenue, in the foothills west of Highway 330.

One firefighter responding to the blaze was transported to a local hospital for heat-related medical issues.

No other injuries were reported.

The fire was reported about 4:40 p.m. and fully contained at about 5:20 p.m., said Scott Tuttle, a battalion chief for **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

The fire, dubbed the Palm Fire, burned about 10 acres and no structures were reported damaged.

Area residents were reportedly watching the firefighters from multiple agencies as they appeared to be gaining control of the fire.

Children and adult residents of the area brought fire crews water.

Naomi Stevenson, mother to two of the children carrying water, said she has lived on Holly Vista Drive for five years and Tuesday was the first time there had been a fire threat.

As part of the successful firefighting effort, helicopters were seen drawing water from a pond at the Highland Springs mobile home park.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20160830/fire-in-foothills-above-highland-quickly-contained>

Firefighters mopping up 10-acre fire in northeast San Bernardino (UPDATE 2)

Richard Brooks, Press Enterprise

Posted: August 30, 2016, 5:55 PM

Firefighters are mopping up a 10-acre blaze that briefly threatened homes in northeast San Bernardino.

The blaze was reported about 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the base of the foothills near Palm Avenue and Lynwood Drive, about 1-1/4 miles southeast of the San Manuel Casino.

At 5 p.m., fire crews were being assigned to protect Mountain Shadows Mobile Home Park. But about 30 minutes later, **San Bernardino County Fire Department** officials said firefighters had stopped the flames from spreading and were beginning to mop up.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/northeast-812002-blaze-officials.html>

Sheriff's Aviation Conducts Hoist Rescue in Forest Falls

SBSD Aviation via Highland News

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Les Hernandez, 35, of Banning was hiking in an area known as Big Falls in Forest Falls on Saturday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m. The area contains large waterfalls and was recently closed by the Forest Service due to numerous hikers becoming injured after falling from the waterfalls. Hernandez and other hikers entered the closed area and began climbing the falls.

Hernandez fell approximately 30 feet from a waterfall to the rocks below. As a result of the fall, Hernandez suffered major injuries.

San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel were dispatched to the scene. Based on the initial reports, Sheriff's Air Rescue 06 was also dispatched.

The crew arrived as medical personnel hiked up to the falls. They determined Hernandez was suffering from major injuries and requested the crew of Air Rescue 06 perform a hoist rescue.

The crew positioned the helicopter over the location, which is a narrow canyon with tall trees. Crew Chief Deputy Steve Miller lowered Air Medic Nurse Stacey Price 130' to the ground. Hernandez was placed into a litter and hoisted into the helicopter, followed by Air Medic Price.

Hernandez was flown to a nearby trauma center for treatment.

http://www.highlandnews.net/news/public_safety/sheriff-s-aviation-conducts-hoist-rescue-in-forest-falls/article_c6436670-6e2d-11e6-90bb-77668d34d53e.html

Fire, sheriff's dive team recover man's body from Grass Valley Lake

Beatriz Valenzuela, Press Enterprise

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County fire personnel and a sheriff's dive team recovered the body of a 40-year-old man Tuesday morning who drowned in Grass Valley Lake in Lake Arrowhead, authorities said.

Dive team members recovered the man's body Tuesday, according to a tweet from Lt. Doug Wolfe with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

Few details were available about the incident which was first reported Monday evening, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department's** Twitter feed.

Rescuers including the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dive Team took to the small lake, just west of the larger Lake Arrowhead, in rafts and SCUBA gear in an effort to find the drowning victim Monday.

Later tweets from that evening indicate the rescue effort switched to a recovery situation and that crews would return to the lake Tuesday morning to continue their search.

The man's identity has not been released.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/lake-811936-old-drowned.html>

Expressing Gratitude

Pinon Mesa Middle School students thank firefighters

Victor Valley Daily Press

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Pinon Mesa Middle School students and teachers turn out Thursday to express their thanks to the firefighters who battled the Bluecut Fire. The Phelan school sent this picture to all the fire stations involved in fighting the blaze. Courtesy of Pinon Mesa Middle School

The recent Bluecut Fire that started in the Cajon Pass forced the evacuation of most of the students and staff of Pinon Mesa Middle School in Phelan.

Two of the school's students lost their homes in the more than 36,000-acre blaze too, according to Activities Director Curt Chase.

Last Thursday, the school held Support Our Firefighters Day to thank the men and women who battled the massive fire.

All students and staff wore red in a sign of support for the firefighters and for the victims of the fire. Staff took this school picture and have sent it to the fire departments that worked so hard to protect Phelan and all the areas impacted by the blaze.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20160830/expressing-gratitude>