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Mile Fire in Waterman Canyon Update 17 – July 31, 7:30 p.m.

Susan A. Neufeld, Rim of the World News

Posted: July 31, 2017, 2:18 PM

UPDATE 17 – July 31, 7:30p.m.

Highway 18 is now open.

UPDATE 16 – July 31, 6:08 p.m.

Per SBNF on twitter, more accurate mapping has determined the Mile Fires is at 76.4 acres and 15% contained.

UPDATE 15 – July 31, 5:38 p.m.

Per SBNF on Twitter forward rate of spread has been stopped.

UPDATE 14 – July 31, 5:24 p.m.

Per Mile fire Ops. no growth on the fire at this time. All personnel are in stand down mode to take on fluids. Will be transporting a 10th injured fire fighter.

Per CHP CAD they hope to reopen Hwy 18 approximately 7:30 p.m.

UPDATE 13 – July 31, 5:15 p.m.

All structure protection crews have been released.

UPDATE 12 – July 31, 4:33 p.m.

Per air attack 12 releasing all fixed air resources.

A fifth fire fighter has been transported to a hospital and a sixth patient is awaiting a ground ambulance.

UPDATE 11 – July 31, 3:58 p.m.

Per air attack 12, releasing some air resources. Fire looking better at this time.

UPDATE 10 – July 31, 3:45 p.m.

Per SBNF, Mile Fire is 100 acres and the forward rate of spread has slowed.

UPDATE 9 – July 31, 3:42 p.m.

A fourth firefighter is down and 5 ambulances have been called in. Three ambulances went to the scene, one to the Incident Command Post and one to a nearby station.

UPDATE 8 – July 31, 3:23 p.m.

Three firefighters are down with heat related-injuries and are being transported by ambulance.

UPDATE 7 – July 31, 3:17 p.m.

Flames are slow backing, head of fire isn't moving much, until it gets into heavier brush. Air attack is working the top of the line with retardant.

Calling for a full closure of Hwy 18.

UPDATE 6 – July 31, 3:11 p.m.

Per IC Mile Fire is holding at 100 acres.

UPDATE 5 – July 31, 2:54 p.m.

C130 Heavy air tanker from Porterville is now on scene of the Mile Fire

UPDATE 4 – July 31, 2:24 p.m.
Full Air Attack has been ordered.

UPDATE 3 – July 31, 2:24 p.m.
San Bernardino county Fire is putting together several structure protection and gel task force strike teams.

UPDATE 2 – July 31, 2:24 p.m.
Incident Commander is ordering up a strike team of engines for structure protection – calling them the Waterman structure group.

UPDATE 1 – July 31, 2:21 p.m.
Hwy 18 is now closed at the top at Hwy 138.

Original Story

Mountain Communities – The Mile fire has begun in Waterman Canyon at Hwy 18. The fire is 70 to 100 acres at a rapid rate of spread. Hwy 18 closed at 40th street. Fire is burning up slope.

A second alarm is requested and aircraft is on order.

Updates as information becomes available.

<http://rotwnews.com/2017/07/31/mile-fire-in-waterman-canyon/>

9 Emergency Responders Injured in 100-Acre Mile Fire Near Waterman Canyon

Marissa Wenzke, KTLA5

Posted: July 31, 2017, 7:50 PM



The 100-acre Mile Fire near Waterman Canyon along the 18 Freeway can be seen in this image on July 31, 2017. (Credit: **San Bernardino Fire Department** via Twitter)

Three members of the U.S. Forest Service and six other emergency responders, including firefighters, were injured in the 100-acre Mile Fire on Monday, according to an incident report from the San Bernardino National Forest.

The fire is now 15 percent contained as firefighters have managed to slow the rate of spread, keeping the blaze at 100 acres, forest officials said. All injuries were heat-related, officials said.

All lanes along Highway 18 between 40th Avenue and Highway 183 have now been reopened, according to California Department of Transportation. That portion of the highway was previously closed due to the blaze, a forest service incident report said.

The Mile Fire that has left nine people injured was first reported east of Highway 18 near Waterman Canyon at 1:42 p.m. on Monday, according to the incident report.

By around 5:30 p.m., 160 firefighters were working to stop the blaze, the report said.

The 100-acre fire had already left four firefighters with heat-related injuries by 3:30 p.m., according to the San Bernardino Fire Department.

No evacuations have been ordered as a result of the fire.

<http://ktla.com/2017/07/31/9-emergency-responders-injured-in-100-acre-mile-fire-near-waterman-canyon-nearby-18-freeway-partially-closed/>

Victorville City Council meeting: What to watch for

Daily Press

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The Victorville City Council will meet 6 p.m. Tuesday for its regularly scheduled meeting in council chambers at City Hall, 14343 Civic Drive. Items on the agenda include:

- Public hearing on arguments for and against calling a special November election to seek voter approval of a special half-percent sales tax for public safety
- Public hearing on arguments for and against adopting a resolution to amend and revise the electric rules, regulations and rate schedules for electric services provided to Victorville Municipal Utility Services customers
- Public hearing on arguments for and against adopting a resolution to amend and revise natural gas rules, regulations and rate schedules for natural gas services to Victorville Municipal Utility Services customers
- Consider awarding a \$657,555 contract to Borden Excavating, Inc. for a water service line replacement project
- Consider awarding a \$419,730 contract to Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp. for a sewer main lining at various locations

Council meetings can be watched live online and are archived for later viewing at ci.victorville.ca.us.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20170731/victorville-city-council-meeting-what-to-watch-for>

Authorities: 21-year-old motorcyclist killed in collision at intersection of Locust and Eucalyptus in Hesperia

Daily Press

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HESPERIA — A 21-year-old motorcyclist was killed in a two-vehicle collision near the intersection of Locust Avenue and Eucalyptus Street Monday morning, authorities said.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Hesperia Station deputies and **San Bernardino County Fire Department** personnel responded to the collision, which involved a motorcycle and Kia Forte, at 9:01 a.m. Monday.

A man, identified as Brian Delreal, 21, of Oak Hills, was found laying in the roadway next to his motorcycle and the Kia Forte, driven by Paul Mendoza, 87, of Victorville, was on the northwest corner of the intersection, according to authorities.

The initial investigation determined that Delreal was traveling north on Locust Avenue and Mendoza was traveling west on Eucalyptus when the crash occurred.

“This intersection is controlled by a four-way stop,” sheriff’s officials said in a statement. “Through investigation it was learned that Delreal did not yield at the posted stop sign and collided with the Kia.”

Delreal was transported by ambulance to a local hospital, but despite lifesaving measures he succumbed to his injuries, authorities said. Mendoza was transported to a local trauma center in stable condition.

It is unknown at this time if speed, drugs or alcohol were an attributing factor in the collision, according to authorities.

The investigation is ongoing by the Hesperia Sheriff's Station Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) and anyone with information is urged to contact Deputy LoVasco or Deputy LaFond at 760-947-1500, or Sheriff's Dispatch at 760-956-5001. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-782-7463 or visit www.wetip.com.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20170801/authorities-21-year-old-motorcyclist-killed-in-collision-at-intersection-of-locust-and-eucalyptus-in-hesperia>

Lightning Strike Sets Joshua Tree On Fire In Yucca Mesa

Z107.7 News

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A booming thunderstorm swept through the Morongo Basin last night, and lightning caused at least one fire. **County Fire** Battalion Chief Mike Snow said Yucca Mesa firefighters were called out at 2:40 a.m. for a Joshua tree on fire in a vacant lot in the 2900 block of La Habra. No other structures or vegetation were threatened. Snow said no other calls for service were received for the thunderstorm.

<http://z1077fm.com/lightning-strike-sets-joshua-tree-on-fire-in-yucca-mesa/>