



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Pirate Fire

**Date/Time:** April 06, 2016 5:00am  
**Location:** Park Moabi, CA  
**Incident:** Vegetation Fire  
**Acreage:** 247 Acres (San Bernardino County)  
**% Contained** 70 % (San Bernardino County)

### **Summary:**

At 5:00 a.m., San Bernardino County Fire responded to check the area of Park Moabi for potential spread of a vegetation fire on the California side. Mojave Valley Fire Department and BLM were fighting a 20 acre vegetation fire on the Havasu Wildlife Refuge in Arizona.

The fire quickly jumped the Colorado River and spread to the California side in the area of Park Moabi. County Medic Engine 31 discovered approximately 3 acres upon arrival with immediate threat to Pirates Cove Resort. Park Moabi and Pirates Cove Resort were immediately evacuated. The fire quickly spread to the south with strong winds in the area. Fire crews were met with 15-20 mph winds and low humidity during the fire fight.

Wind driven firebrands caught the thatched roof on the patio area of the Pirate's Cove Resort restaurant and bar. San Bernardino County Firefighters were able to extinguish the roof fire and defend the resort from further damage.

The fire continued to grow throughout the day finding heavy pockets of thick vegetation. The fire was managed jointly in unified command with Arizona BLM, Mojave fire department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Bernardino County Fire Department and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

As of this news release, residents of the Park Moabi Mobile Home Park have been allowed to return. The campsites do remain evacuated. The Pirate's Cove Resort is expected to return to normal business tomorrow evening April 08, 2016

The fire was initially named the Pirate fire and was later changed to the Topock Fire by Arizona BLM. Numerous agencies assisted in the fire fight and currently remain engaged in suppression and structure defense. The portion of the fire in San Bernardino County, California remains in patrol status. Firefighters will remain on scene through the night with firefighters conducting mop up operations. San Bernardino County Fire sent a Type 3 strike team, 1 helicopter, 2 dozers, 1 engine, 2 water tenders, 1 brush patrol, 1 boat, and two handcrews to the fire. No injuries were reported from civilians or firefighters. The fire remains under investigation by Arizona BLM. The fire is still active in Arizona,

*\*Please note this news release is only for information on the portion of the fire in San Bernardino County. For further information on the Topock Fire please visit: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4684/>*