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Thursday Update: Valley Fire holding at 1,400 Acres/24% Contained; Hwy 38 Open Thru Angelus Oaks

Ken Vincent, KVCR News

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Residents of the Mountain Home/Forest Falls/Angelus Oaks area attend a community meeting last night (Wednesday) at the Angelus Oaks Fire Station, where authorities updated residents on the details of the fight against the Valley Fire.

UPDATED AT 7:00AM THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018: Today (Thursday) is day 6 of the fight against the Valley Fire, burning in the San Bernardino National Forest east of Forest Falls and Angelus Oaks. Fire lines have established 24 percent containment, and the acreage burned is still being estimated at less than 1,400 acres. Authorities say it's hard to gauge the progress of the blaze as it's now burning in remote areas of the San Gorgonio wilderness, fortunately away from populated areas between Forest Falls and Angelus Oaks. Authorities have opened 2 lanes of Highway 38 to restricted traffic flow between Yucaipa and Angelus Oaks. Flaggers will be present today to direct people along the highway where fire engines and other heavy equipment will also continue to move the area, and also to make sure people watch out for mud and debris along the road, which crews will be cleaning up even as limited traffic proceeds slowly along Highway 38 thru Angelus Oaks. Another piece of news that indicates confidence the blaze can be further contained is that command of the incident will be transferred from multiple regional agencies to local command within the next few days. As of last night, there were 633 personnel, 13 engines and 7 aircraft fighting the Valley Fire.

<http://kvcrnews.org/post/thursday-update-valley-fire-holding-1400-acres24-contained-hwy-38-open-thru-angelus-oaks>

Progress on Valley Fire

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Fire crews work over steep terrain while battling the Valley Fire in the San Bernardino National Forest July 10.
Photo courtesy of inciweb

Firefighters working the Valley Fire near Highway 38 and Valley of the Falls Drive in the San Bernardino National Forest are making strides. Containment has increased to 24 percent since yesterday, holding at 1,348 acres.

Crews Wednesday, July 11, will work on chipping cleared brush along Highway 38, constructing a fire line and reinforcing and improving established containment lines. Helicopters continue dropping water on areas of high heat within the uncontained fire perimeter. A portable fire retardant plant has been established to support reinforcement of existing fire retardant lines.

A chance for isolated thunderstorms in the area continue, presenting a risk for strong winds to increase fire activity, and potential flash flooding with associated debris and mud flows.

Highway 38 remains closed to all but Mountain Home, Forest Falls and Angelus Oaks residents from Bryant Street to Angelus Oaks. Highway 38 is open from Big Bear to Angelus Oaks.

All portions of the San Gorgonio Wilderness are closed to entry.

At the end of the day July 10, there were 644 personnel on the fire including 12 engines, one water tender, eight helicopters, 16 hand crews and one dozer. There have been four injuries, and no structures threatened, damaged or destroyed.

The Valley Fire began July 6 at approximately 1:33 p.m. The cause is under investigation.

http://www.bigbeargrizzly.net/news/progress-on-valley-fire/article_be6ba1ee-8530-11e8-990e-d387378c3e7e.html

Teen fall victim found wedged between rocks

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JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK — County firefighters, park rangers and members of park's search and rescue group pulled a teenage boy from a crevice in Rattlesnake Canyon Sunday afternoon, July 8.

The boy, whose name was not released because of his age, was climbing on rocks with his family when he slipped and fell up to 30 feet into a crevice between two boulders.

Fire Capt. Chris Hayes said firefighters were called to the scene about 2:30 p.m. They met park rangers and walked to the area where the young man was hurt.

The victim, he said, had suffered significant traumatic injuries, which were complicated by the difficulty rescuers had in removing him from the crevice and then transporting him to an ambulance. The ambulance drove the boy to a helicopter, which then flew him to a trauma center.

The operation, Hayes said, took about two hours.

Hayes said the teenager's family is from the area but he is not certain if the young man lives in the area or was visiting.

http://www.hidesertstar.com/news/article_c4868be2-8563-11e8-a46f-5b72b3e94217.html