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Elkhorn General Store is closed on Valley of the Falls Drive as the town is still evacuated due to the El Dorado Fire in Forest Falls on Friday, September 11, 2020. (Photo by Terry Pierson, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

Crews on the El Dorado fire burning in the San Bernardino National Forest on Saturday, Sept. 12, continued to shore up the containment lines near Forest Falls and Mountain Home Village.

The flames were moving laterally along the creek in that area.

“This has allowed fire crews a good opportunity to continue to prepare the area with securing handlines and increasing defensible space,” U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Kate Kramer said.

The latest numbers Saturday evening showed 14,212 acres had burned with 41% containment of the flames. Containment was up from 37% Friday night. Containment is the area of a fire that firefighters have surrounded, usually with hand lines, bulldozer lines, fire retardant, or landmarks such as roads or rivers that the flames are not expected to jump.

No additional homes have burned since the last update that reported four had been destroyed and two had been damaged. Several outbuildings have also burned.

A bulldozer line has been carved north of the fire perimeter and south of Angelus Oaks from Highway 38 eastward to the 2015 Lake Fire scar.

Smoke continues to be seen in Wildwood Canyon, but those flames are not expected to jump the lines, Kramer said.

“We couldn’t be any happier,” **San Bernardino County Fire** Chief Dan Munsey said in a Facebook video. “We’re reaching some major milestones to be able to really button this thing up.”

Highway 38 remains closed between Bryant Street and Lake Williams Drive.

Only residents and employees of businesses and business support services have access to Oak Glen Road between lower Potato Canyon Road and Pine Bench Road.

All evacuation orders and warnings have been lifted for Riverside County, but some areas of San Bernardino County remain under evacuation orders: the neighborhood bordered by Bryant Street on the west, Carter Street

on the south, Jefferson Street on the east and Highway 38 to the north. Angelus Oaks, Forest Falls and Mountain Home Village also remain under evacuation orders.

The areas bounded by north of Oak Glen Road, west of Bryant Street, south of Highway 38 and east of Garnet Street are under an evacuation warning, which means that residents need to be prepared to evacuate.

More than 1,400 firefighters were battling the blaze Saturday.

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