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## **El Dorado Fire Now At 44% Containment, Threatening Angelus Oaks**

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### **El Dorado Fire Now At 44% Containment, Threatening Angelus Oaks**

The El Dorado fire is now 44% contained and has burned 14,478 acres. It's threatening the community of Angelus Oaks.

The fire burned actively Sunday night and has become established into Mountain Home Creek.

Fire officials are asking any remaining residents in Angelus Oaks to evacuate now.

Firefighters have built a contingency line between the El Dorado fire and Angelus Oaks.

The fire is near the small mountain community but burning towards San Bernardino Peak.

Mountain Home, Forest Falls, 7 Oaks and the Barton Flats area are also under evacuation orders.

The El Dorado fire was started by a smoke bomb set off at a gender-reveal party in Yucaipa on September 5th.

The San Bernardino National Forest is closed until further notice.

<https://www.kvcrnews.org/post/el-dorado-fire-now-44-containment-threatening-angelus-oaks#stream/0>

## Twentynine Major Fires Still Burning in California, Latest on Apple and El Dorado

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Over 16,750 firefighters continue working to gain containment on the 29 major wildfires across California. Firefighters across the state responded to 36 new wildfires Saturday, and all were contained quickly. Since the beginning of the year, wildfires have burned over 3.3 million acres in California, which is larger than the State of Connecticut. Since August 15, when California's fire activity elevated, there have been 22 fatalities and over 4,100 structures destroyed. While weather conditions have continued to be more seasonable compared to last week, firefighters are monitoring the forecast closely as today could bring elevated fire risk.

Regionally, the El Dorado Fire west of Oak Glen is at 14,283 acres and is 41% contained, with some evacuations in place.

Still burning to our immediate west since July 31, the Apple Fire remains calm and 95% contained at 33,324 acres. Working in extreme heat and steep terrain, firefighters continue to focus on monitoring, patrolling and suppression repair. Within the Apple Fire's perimeter, pockets of burning vegetation may generate occasional smoke. Many firefighters, equipment and aircraft have been assigned to other wildfires in California and the west. Recently burned areas are at a greater risk of mudflows and flash floods. Burned Area Emergency Response efforts are focused on the protection of human life, safety, and property. Rapid burn assessments identify areas that have increased potential for floods and mudflows.

Smoke from both the Apple and El Dorado fires, along with smoke moving south from the Los Angeles area fire, are still affecting our air quality here in the Morongo Basin.

<http://z1077fm.com/twenty-nine-major-fires-still-burning-in-california-latest-on-apple-and-el-dorado/>

## **Team Update 9/14/20**

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Dear SBCSS Team,

Our thoughts go out to the staff, families and students who have been affected by the El Dorado fire. It has been a stressful time adjusting to new learning environments and staying vigilant on advisories from the San Bernardino County Fire Department. We are grateful to the firefighters, pilots and law enforcement officers for their dedication to save lives and to protect homes and businesses.

Positive news has echoed through our county with Lucerne Valley Unified School District successfully bringing students and staff back to campus for in-person instruction for grades TK-6. Lucerne Valley Elementary is following a hybrid model; staff and students attend school in-person two days a week with the rest of the school week being conducted virtually. All staff and students are abiding safety precautions and public health guidelines and are actively engaged in classroom instruction.

### **Superintendent's Message**

"We remain a country full of hope for the future of our children. A country that believes in the potential of every student to transform their life through education." View this week's message.

### **Business Services**

Business Services' departments continue to work together as a team to provide services to Rialto Unified School District in the wake of its recent malware attack. Purchasing directors and facility planners have resumed their bimonthly meetings. The meetings provide peer support and opportunities to share best practices during the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to signal issues with Frontier Communications, Maintenance, Operations and Transportation recently installed a Voice Over Internet Protocol telephone system at the Norma Covert Early Education Center. Technology Services will be placing phones on separate virtual local areas to improve service.

### **Education Support Services**

The Prevention and Intervention team hosted the first session of the Social Emotional Learning Leadership series. More than 90 participants, from districts across Southern California, attended the morning and afternoon sessions. SBCSS, Riverside, San Diego and Alameda County are partnering together to share strategies and efforts to support the role of County Offices in distance learning using Canvas. Canvas is a course management system that supports online learning and teaching. This year, three districts within San Bernardino County have successfully launched Canvas. Next steps include supporting the RIMS AVID team in launching their regional trainings using the online platform. AVID and the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (CalSOAP) will be hosting a free virtual college fair on Sept. 24. The fair will consist of college information and financial aid process breakouts, opportunity drawings and college representatives from CSUs, UCs, private and out-of-state colleges. Sessions will be offered for students, parents and educators. Stay tuned for additional details.

### **Human Resources**

Human Resources has been diligently working with Student Services to ensure that students and staff at Lucerne Valley and Bear Valley school districts have the tools they need to be successful with in-person instruction. The SBCSS Workplace Transition Plan and Protocols have served as a helpful tool. We will

continue to work closely with labor and all stakeholders to align with the California Department of Public Health guidelines to provide quality instruction and support for our students and staff.

#### Innovation and Engagement

The Alliance for Education/ROP team is creating professional development modules to assist with building Innovation and Engagement branch's capacity using online platforms. The team is also in the process of developing micro-internships and piloting a launch in the first two weeks of October. The Healthy SBCSS team partnered with KVCR to develop four wellness features to run during the month of Sept. in support of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The series is called Wellness for Times of Uncertainty. The four-part series will include bipolar disorder during social isolation, grief sensitivity, youth mental health first aid training and youth suicide and the link between social media and depression. The series will be available through the end of the month.

#### Office of the Superintendent

County Superintendent Ted Alejandre welcomed participants at a KQED webinar on Distance Learning Needs with Public Media. The webinar focused on how schools, districts and county offices have successfully used public media resources to strengthen distance learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. At this month's board meeting, The San Bernardino County Board of Education and Ted Alejandre recognized retiring SBCSS staff. Congratulations to State Preschool Operations Manager Becky Thams, East Valley Operations Teacher Lindamae Lopez, Principal George Bowser and Principal Regina Criswell Ed.D. for their years of service in education. Thank you all for your hard work and best wishes on your new journey!

#### Student Services

On Sept. 10, alternative education principals and staff participated in a webinar titled, Lifting As We Climb with Chief of Equity and Access Cherina Betters, Ed.D.. The webinar is the first in a year-long series that will focus on building positive relationships for every student through authentic learning, equity and access.

Student Services first small cohort started at Lucerne Valley High School on Sept. 10. Both students and staff were happy to be back in school. Students and staff were socially distanced and also wore face shields/and or face masks as appropriate. SS will continue to work with staff and association leaders to ensure a safe return to school for both employees and students.

#### Technology Services

Technology Services continues to assist Student Services with the preparation and delivery of T-Mobile hotspots and devices for distance learning. The Digital Learning Services team delivered an EdTech Tools webinar for the teachers at Dorothy Gibson County High School. The DLS team focused on helping teachers improve their distance learning skills when delivering synchronous and asynchronous instruction. On Oct. 10-11, TS will be doing maintenance over the weekend. Access to the internet and Financial 2000 may be interrupted during this time. The team will try and keep any service interruptions to a minimum. If you have questions, please contact TS at 909.381.8585 or through email NetSupport@sbcss.net.

#### We Need You!

As of today, all SBCSS employees will receive a KACE alert with a reminder to conduct a daily wellness self-check for COVID-19 related symptoms. The notification is set to be delivered at 7:30 a.m. every weekday and will be seen when employees first login to their computer. Staff must acknowledge the message by clicking on the OK button in the notification window. Please take time to consider whether or not you are experiencing any of the symptoms listed. If you did not receive the Daily Wellness Check notification from the KACE system, please contact the Technical Services Helpdesk at 909-381-8585.

Please stay safe and continue to adhere to public health and safety guidelines.

[https://enet.sbcss.k12.ca.us/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1024:team-update-9-14-20&catid=153:sbcss-covid-19-staff-updates](https://enet.sbcss.k12.ca.us/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1024:team-update-9-14-20&catid=153:sbcss-covid-19-staff-updates)

# **CAL FIRE California Statewide Fire Summary for Monday Morning, September 14, 2020**

**Staff Writer, Gold Rush Cam**

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September 14, 2020 - Nearly 16,500 firefighters continue working to gain containment on the 28 major wildfires across California. Since the beginning of Cal fire the year, wildfires have burned over 3.2 million acres in California, which is larger than the State of Connecticut. Since August 15, when California's fire activity elevated, there have been 24 fatalities and over 4,200 structures destroyed.

Red Flag conditions have returned today to northeastern California. The combination of gusty winds and low humidity brings potential critical fire weather through much of the week, and may affect firefighting efforts on the North Complex. Elevated fire weather conditions are expected in portions of central and southern California due to very warm and dry conditions, and smoky conditions will persist in the much of the valley areas throughout the state.

## **Fires of Interest**

### **\*\*CAL FIRE Incidents\*\***

Shackleford Fire, Siskiyou County (more info...)

Southwest of Quartz Valley Reservation

\*50 acres, 30% contained

Willow Fire, Yuba County (more info...)

Willow Glen Road, Dobbins

\*1,311 acres, 92% contained

\*Evacuations in place

Oak Fire, Mendocino County (more info...)

North of Willits

\*1,100 acres, 95% contained

LNU Lightning Complex, multiple North Bay counties (more info...)

Napa, Lake, Sonoma, Colusa, Solano, and Yolo Counties

\*363,220 acres, 97% contained

\*Hennessey (merged fires) 305,651 acres, 96% contained

\*Wallbridge 55,209 acres, 95% contained

\*1,491 structures destroyed

\*5 fatalities

\*Evacuations in place

\*CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 2 in command

SCU Lightning Complex, multiple Easy Bay counties (more info...)

Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara San Joaquin, Merced, and Stanislaus Counties

\*396,624 acres, 98% contained

\*20 fires in the complex, several have merged together

\*Evacuations and road closures in place

\*224 structures destroyed

\*CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 6 command

CZU Lightning Complex, San Mateo and Santa Cruz Counties (more info...)

\*86,509 acres, 89% contained

\*Multiple fires

\*Evacuations and road closures in place

\*1,490 structures destroyed

\*1 fatality

\*CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 3 command

Schoolhouse, Siskiyou County (more info...)

Schoolhouse Gap Road, north of Fort Jones

\*45 acres, 80% contained

\*\*Unified Command Incidents\*\*

North Complex, Plumas County (more info...)

Southwest of Susanville (Plumas National Forest)

\*264,374 acres, 38% contained

\*14 fatalities

\*Evacuations in place

\*Includes the Bear and Claremont Fire

\*CAL FIRE Team 4 is now in unified command with US Forest Service IMT Team 4

Creek Fire, Fresno County (more info...)

Northeast of Shaver Lake (Sierra National Forest)

\*212,744 acres, 10% contained

\*Evacuations in effect

\*Heavy tree mortality in the area

\*CAL FIRE and US Forest Service in unified command

\*CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 1

\*Great Basin Team 1

Valley Fire, San Diego County (more info...)

Near Alpine (Cleveland National Forest)

\*17,665 acres, 87% contained

\*Evacuations in effect

\*CAIIMT 15 in command

\*CAL FIRE and US Forest Service in unified command

El Dorado Fire, San Bernardino County (more info...)

West of Oak Glen (San Bernardino National Forest)

\*14,478 acres, 44% contained

\*Evacuations in place

\*California Interagency Incident Management Team 11 in unified command with CAL FIRE, Yucaipa Fire Department and **San Bernardino County Fire Department**

Butte/Tehama/Glenn (BTU/TGU) Lightning Complex, multiple Counties (more info...)

Butte, Tehama and Glenn Counties

\*19,609 acres, 97% contained

\*Includes multiple other smaller fires

\*Decrease in acres as Elkhorn was moved to the August Complex.

\*16 structures destroyed

**\*\*Coordinated Command Incidents\*\***

August Complex, Tehama County (more info...)

Elk Creek and Stonyford area (Mendocino National Forest)

\*788,880 acres 30% contained

\*North/South Zone 739,791 acres, 30% contained

\*West Zone 49,009 acres, 0% contained

\*Decreased acreage due to better mapping by USFS

\*1 fatality

\*Includes multiple fires including the Elkhorn, Hopkins, Willow, Vinegar, and Doe fires

\*A California Interagency Incident Management Team and Great Basin Team in command

\*A CAL FIRE Incident Management Team is deployed on the west zone of the fire.

**\*\*Federal Incidents\*\***

SQF Complex, Tulare County (more info...)

25 miles north of Kernville (Sequoia National Forest)

\*90,845 acres, 12% contained

\*Castle and Shotgun Fires merged into this complex

Slater/Devil Fires, Siskiyou County, (more info...)

5 miles North of Happy Camp (Klamath National Forest)

\*130,482 acres, 5% contained

\*2 fatalities

\*Evacuations orders in place

Bullfrog Fire, Fresno County (more info...)

SE of Bullfrog Lake, Sierra National Forest

\*900 acres, 0% contained

Fork Fire, El Dorado County, (more info...)

15 miles northeast of Pollock Pines (El Dorado National Forest)

\*1,752 acres, 7% contained

\*Evacuation orders remain in place

Bobcat Fire, Los Angeles County (more info...)

North of Duarte

Angeles National Forest

36,366 acres, 6% containment

\*Evacuations in progress

\*EA Silver Team in command

Lake Fire, Los Angeles County (more info...)

Southwest of Lake Hughes

Angeles National Forest / Los Angeles County Fire Department

\* 31,089 acres, 96% contained

Dolan Fire, Monterey County (more info...)  
Hwy 1, 10 miles south of Big Sur (Los Padres National Forest)  
\*118,465 acres, 40% contained  
\*Structures threatened  
\*Type 1 NW Team 2 (Allen) in command

Apple Fire, Riverside County (more info...)  
Oak Glen/Cherry Valley (San Bernardino National Forest)  
\*33,424 acres, 95% contained

Red Salmon Complex – Humboldt County (more info...)  
14 miles northeast of Willow Creek (Shasta-Trinity National Forest)  
\*87,849 acres, 16% contained

W-5 Cold Springs, Lassen County (more info...) FINAL  
11 miles east of Madeline (Bureau of Land Management - Northern CA District)  
\*84,817 acres, 100% containment

Blue Jay Fire, Mariposa County (more info...)  
Yosemite National Park Wilderness  
\*3,350 acres, 20% contained

Wolf Fire, Tuolumne County (more info...)  
Yosemite National Park Wilderness  
\*828 acres, 10% contained

Woodward Fire, Marin County (more info...)  
3 miles southwest of Olema (Point Reyes National Seashore)  
\*4,920 acres, 96% contained

Slink Fire, Mono County (more info...)  
2 miles west of Coleville (Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest)  
\*26,440 acres, 54% contained

Moraine, Tulare County (more info...)  
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness  
\*575 acres, 70% contained

Rattlesnake, Tulare County (more info...)  
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness  
\*1,441 acres, 0% contained

#### Top 20 Wildfire Records

- 5 of the Top 20 largest wildfires in California History have occurred in 2020. • Largest Wildfires - #1 August Complex, #3 SCU Lightning Complex, #4 LNU Lightning Complex, #9 North Complex, and #16 Creek Fire.
- Most Destructive - #9 LNU Lightning Complex and #10 CZU Lightning Complex
- Deadliest Wildfires - #7 North Complex and #20 LNU Lightning Complex

<https://goldrushcam.com/sierrasuntimes/index.php/news/local-news/25371-cal-fire-california-statewide-fire-summary-for-monday-morning-september-14-2020>

## Gender Reveal Party Leads to Disastrous Wildfire

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The **San Bernardino County Fire** Department attempts to Combat the El Dorado Fire

Gender reveal parties are a relatively new concept. Created around 2008, they were popularized by celebrities who have thrown extravagant parties for the sole purpose of revealing the sex of their unborn child. From the Kardashians to your next-door neighbor, gender reveal parties have become trendy gatherings thrown in addition to the traditional baby shower. While some people believe that these events are just pure fun, they have also been met with criticism by social justice advocates claiming that they enforce the gender binary and stress gender roles. For example, if the child is a girl, there is typically some sort of pink or ballet element to the event, and if the child is a boy, there are blue or sports aspects. As detrimental as they already are, gender parties, particularly one in California, was the catalyst for the El Dorado Fire.

### **San Bernardino County Fire Department**

Although California has been experiencing wildfires since 1932, the 10 largest have occurred in the past 20 years. Just this year alone, 3.2 million acres of land have burned. Since mid-August, 4,000 buildings have been destroyed. In addition, across the United States, there are currently 87 active wildfires. Out of many bizarre stories that have circulated concerning the wildfires, one, in particular, has captured the media's attention. On Saturday, September 25th, a "smoke-generating pyrotechnic device" utilized in a gender reveal party set off a fire in El Dorado Ranch Park in Yucaipa, California. By the following Monday, it caused 8,600 acres of destruction while only being 7% contained. By Thursday, it burned about 13,592 acres and was 31% contained. Numbers now show more than 14,200 acres were lost with 41% of the fire being contained. Six hundred people are now working to put the fires out. The mayor of Yucaipa, David Avila, commented that "In...[his] 30 years as a citizen in Yucaipa, I have never seen such a large fire."

In a video released from the party, we see the family of the unborn child lighting the device, only to rapidly attempt to put out the fire it caused once it is lit. The family will be tried in court, since, if you start a fire due to negligence or illegal activity...[you can] be held financially responsible and criminally responsible. Cal Fire officials stated..."

Unfortunately, this is not the first time a wildfire has been caused by a gender reveal party. In 2017, a device was lit in Arizona that caused a wildfire of 47,000 acres, and the man who caused the explosion now owes \$8.2 million.

In typical Generation Z fashion, memes have been made about the event, particularly poking fun at gender reveal parties. They have been met with laughs from some, and criticism of being insensitive by others. Here are some:

The American Red Cross put out a safety guide for actions that could potentially cause a wildfire, such as smoking or lighting fires. The guide suggests that you only light a campfire in a fire pit when it is not windy, in addition to making sure that you are continuously watching it and putting it completely out. For adults who smoke, it instructs them to dispose of smoking supplies with water or a closed container and to keep them away from children. You can check out the rest of the list here. If you would like to donate to wildfire relief, you can do so via the wildfires page on Center for Disaster Philanthropy for general recovery or to Pawsitivity to directly help the animals that lived in the destroyed land.

<https://thetenaflyecho.com/12370/news/gender-reveal-party-leads-to-disastrous-wildfire/>