Sherpa Fire Facts
June 17, 2016, 11:35 pm

FACTS

- A fire started off of Refugio Road at approximately 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15.
- The cause is under investigation
- One fire fighter was injured (minor laceration)
- One small water treatment building @ El Capitan state beach burned
- Current estimate of acres burned is 6,321, 20% contained.
- Continued threat to structures, agriculture crops, state parks, and critical infrastructure: communication sites, power lines, rail and Hwy 101.
- Primary fuel: brush, tall grass chaparral (65+ years of growth)
- Weather conditions and wind significantly impact this fire. It is erratic and there are extreme wind driven runs at times. This is why sometimes the fire behavior is worse at night.
  - Forecast for Sundowner afternoons-early morning, peaking Saturday evening
- Unified Command
  - US Forest Service
  - SB County Fire Department
  - CalFire
- Equipment/Personnel:
  - 4 dozers
  - 75 engines
  - 5 water tenders
  - 30 hand crews
  - 1230 personnel
  - Air support rotation of:
    - 13 helicopter
    - 6 large tankers
    - 2 DC-10s
- Air quality condition checks can be found at www.ourair.org
- Crops damaged: avocado, lemon, olives, and ranch land. Value of damages unknown.

ROAD CLOSURES

- Highway 101 and rail service remain open
- There is also a hard closure of Calle Real from El Cap to Refugio Rd. This closure remains.
EVACUATIONS

- There are **no new evacuations**.
- **Mandatory:**
  From east of the Refugio burn area, Refugio State Beach: Refugio Canyon, Canada del Venadito Canyon, Las Flores Canyon, El Capitan Canyon, El Capitan Ranch, El Capitan State Beach, Canada de la Destiladera

**Warning:**
Areas east of El Capitan Canyon to Farren Road: Las Llagas Canyon, Gato Canyon, Las Varas Canyon, Dos Pueblos Canyon, Eagle Canyon

- Residents who live in West Goleta are encouraged to formulate an emergency evacuation plan.

SHELTERS

- Three shelters have been established.
  - Wake Center, 300 N. Turnpike Road, Santa Barbara
    - Currently has 7 people
    - Small pets okay
  - Goleta Valley Community Center, 5679 Hollister Ave., Goleta. (STANDBY)
  - Santa Ynez Union High School, 2975 E. Hwy 246, Santa Ynez. (STANDBY)
  - **San Marcos High School**, 4750 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara. (STANDBY)
  - **Santa Barbara High School**, 700 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara. (STANDBY)

ANIMALS:

- Anyone in the evacuation area that needs assistance with small and large animals evacuations should call 681-4332.

RESIDENTS

- **Call 211 or 1-800-400-1572**
- Monitor the status of the fire and any guidance on the County of Santa Barbara website: [www.countyofsb.org](http://www.countyofsb.org)
- Sign up for Aware and Prepare alerts. [www.awareandprepare.org](http://www.awareandprepare.org)
- Consider if additional travel time will be needed through the area

MEDIA

- JIC 805-969-1188
- Forest Service Information Line – 805-968-6640
- Hashtag - #SherpaFire
- Websites, social media and channel 20 updated

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