Sherpa Fire Facts
June 18, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

FACTS
- A fire started off of Refugio Road at approximately 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15.
- The cause is under investigation.
- Two fire fighters that suffered minor injuries have returned to the line.
- There are 270 structures threatened. One small water treatment building @ El Capitan state beach burned.
- Current estimate of acres burned is 7,063, 24% 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).
- The significant Sundowner winds did not surface as expected last night. Crews took advantage of the weather and continued with direct line construction. There is a Fire Weather Watch in effect. Warming and lower humidity will continue today and into tonight. Sundowner winds are expected tonight. Even stronger winds and lower humidity are expected late Sunday into Monday morning.
- Today firefighters will continue to work on building and reinforcing containment lines along the North and East sides of the fire, and along Highway 101. Crews will continue with contingency lines on the East side of the fire.
- Fire activity along Highway 101 is under continuous evaluation by fire managers and the California Highway Patrol. The Hwy may be closed again if the fire is determined to be a hazard to motorist.
- Unified Command
  o US Forest Service
  o SB County Fire Department
  o CalFire
- Equipment/Personnel:
  o 9 dozers
  o 83 engines
  o 4 water tenders
  o 33 hand crews
  o 1230 personnel
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- Air support rotation of:
  - 6 helicopters
  - 4 large tankers
  - 1 DC-10s

  - Air quality condition checks can be found at www.ourair.org

AGRICULTURAL IMPACT

- Crops damaged: avocado, lemon, olives, and ranch land. Value of damages unknown.
- Firefighters, with land owner involvement, achieved success in protecting orchards.

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

- The following 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. (Earl Warren is no longer an animal shelter.)

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
- Sign up for Aware and Prepare alerts. www.awareandprepare.org
- Consider if additional travel time will be needed through the area
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MEDIA

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