Sherpa Fire Facts
June 19, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

FACTS

- A fire started off of Refugio Road at approximately 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15.
- The cause is under investigation
- Power outages are possible in the County between 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on June 20 as result of high local temperatures.
- Currently Southern California Edison is reporting that 19 customers near El Capitan Canyon are without power because power poles and lines were downed from the fire. Repair crews have been notified; power is expected to be restored on June 21.
- There are 270 structures threatened. One small water treatment building @ El Capitan state beach burned.
- Current estimate of acres burned is 7,893 acres and 51% 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 (60+ years of growth)
- Sundowner winds were observed over portions of the fire with gusts up to 55 mph. Relative humidity was lower at 10-15%. Temperatures in the high 80’s were experienced today and are expected to increase Monday to high 90's to low 100’s on the fire. Red flag warning issued for 3:00 p.m. on Sunday through 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday.
- Overall fire behavior was moderate yet the fire still has the potential to increase in activity. Observed fire behavior included short runs along the north and east open line with isolated consumption of unburned fuels within the perimeter. Crews continue to make good progress in securing the west flank. Fire continues to flank, moving up Corral Canyon and on the Santa Ynez Peak to the east.
- 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 motorists.
- Based on the wind measurements this afternoon, winds are stronger and have started earlier than yesterday winds.
- Unified Command
  - US Forest Service
  - SB County Fire Department
  - CalFire
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- **Equipment/Personnel:**
  - 14 dozers
  - 129 engines
  - 27 water tenders
  - 49 hand crews
  - 1926 personnel
  - Air support rotation of:
    - 17 helicopters
    - 4 air tankers
    - 1 DC-10s

- Air quality condition checks can be found at [www.ourair.org](http://www.ourair.org)

AGRICULTURAL IMPACT

- Crops damaged: avocado, lemon, olives, and ranch land. Value of damages unknown.
- Firefighters are coordinating fire suppression efforts with farmers and ranchers to protect properties.
- County has established a “helpline” for farmers and ranchers:
  [sherpaag@agcommissioner.com](mailto:sherpaag@agcommissioner.com)

ROAD CLOSURES

- Highway 101 and rail service remain open, potential for overnight closures exists.
- One hard road closure: Calle Real from El Cap to Refugio Rd at Cathedral Oaks. This closure remains.

EVACUATIONS

- There are **no new evacuations**.
- **Mandatory:**
  From east of the Refugio burn area, Refugio State Beach: Refugio Canyon, Venadito Canyon, Canada del Venadito Canyon, Las Flores Canyon, El Capitan Canyon, El Capitan Ranch, El Capitan State Beach, Canada de la Destiladera.
  **Warning:**
  Calle Lippizana east 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 5 people
    - Small pets okay

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
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- Call 211 or 1-800-400-1572
- Information boards have been put up at Calle Real Marketplace, the 76 gas station on Winchester Canyon Road, and the southbound Gaviota rest stop on the 101.
- 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.

MEDIA

- JIC: 805-696-1188
- Forest Service Information Line: 805-968-6640
- Hashtag: #SherpaFire
- Websites, social media and channel 20 updated.