

Epilogue

As the siege fires were put out and resources were demobilized, fire managers kept an eye on weather forecasts for the remainder of the season. In mid-November, the National Weather Service and Predictive Services began issuing forecasts for another Santa Ana wind event. The 2007 fire season was not over.

The **Corral Fire** in Malibu started on Saturday, November 24 from an illegal campfire near the mouth of Corral Canyon Cave. Winds up to 60 miles per hour and low relative humidity quickly spread the fire. In spite of pre-positioning and planning, the fire burned 4,901 acres, destroyed 53 homes and damaged another 35. Most of the damage occurred during the early hours of the fire in Latigo Canyon and the neighborhoods along Newell Road and Sea Breeze Drive. There were no civilian injuries reported, but seven firefighters were injured.

By late November, a major shift in the overall upper air pattern took place. Rain came to Southern California in December.



When the siege was over, the destruction to wildlands and personal property stood in smoldering contrast to the spectacular sunsets created by the smoky skies.