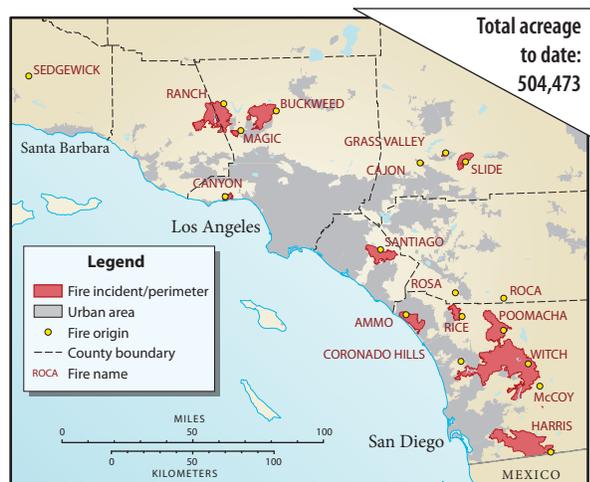


The Fires: Day 6

Friday, October 26, 2007



State and Consumer Services Agency sets up a toll-free number to take reports of scams, fraud, and abuse and to provide information on contractors, loan officers and other licensed professionals to assist victims of the fires.

Predictive Services Morning Report:

A trough over Northern California will enhance the marine layer along the central and Southern California coast, bringing cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and a little stronger onshore flow to the entire region today and Saturday. In the fire areas, temperatures will mainly be in the 70s and 80s, and humidity values in the 15 to 25% range both today and Saturday. Winds will turn southwest-to-west by this afternoon, at five-to- 15 miles per hour.

Today's Events:

As the Santa Ana wind event subsides and the normal onshore flow returns to the area, most of the nine remaining large fires report minimal fire spread and estimate full containment within the next five days.

The **Harris Fire** remains active in old, extremely dry fuels and steep terrain, in particular, along the northern edge of the fire. Active structure protection continues in Lyons Valley. The team continues to develop contingency plans to protect communities to the north toward Interstate-8, and to the east along Buckman Springs Road. Residents of Thousand Trails, Potrero, Tecate and western Jamul areas are allowed re-entry. The estimated containment date is October 31.

Daily Snapshot

Incident Name	MACS Priority* a.m. / p.m.	Crews	Engines	Dozers	Overhead	Acres**	Contained %
Ammo [†]	6 / 7	0	49	0	33	21,004	90
Grass Valley	8 / 8	16	79	2	152	1,140	75
Harris	2 / 1	41	219	25	313	85,000	35
Poomacha	3 / 3	48	164	29	150	42,000	35
Ranch	9 / 0	7	27	6	89	58,401	94
Rice	7 / 6	19	103	2	173	9,000	60
Santiago	4 / 4	37	212	18	186	27,600	35
Slide	1 / 2	27	321	35	107	13,700	20
Witch	5 / 5	64	352	22	235	197,990	45
Contained Fires***		3	16	0	19	48,558	100
Totals		262	1,542	139	1,457	504,473	

* Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS) priority setting for resource allocation is based on the following criteria: Life Threatening Situations, Real Property Threatened, High Damage Potential, Incident Complexity, Potential for Timely Containment.

** Figures for acreage are cumulative for the incident throughout the siege.

*** When a fire is 100% contained, the fire name is deleted but the acreage burned and additional resources (used in mop-up) is added to the "Contained Fires" section.

† Resource data for Ammo Fire does not include military personnel. Fire was on a Military Reservation. Data used above was extracted from the Incident Status Summary (ICS-209).

Flames and smoke billow through the dense brush on a hillside. The winds begin to subside today allowing firefighters to make substantial progress on most fires.



The **Slide Fire** reports moderate intensity, active surface and backing fire with short runs, torching, and short-range spotting. Structure protection remains in place for Lake Arrowhead Scout Camps. An additional structure is destroyed this morning in Running Springs. Contingency plans for fire movement toward Lake Arrowhead are developed. Damage assessment continues.

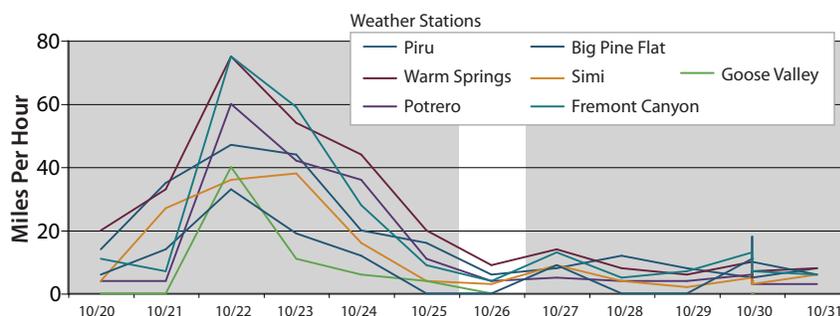
The **Poomacha Fire** reports active fire behavior as the fire continues to burn in the Aqua Tibia Wilderness. Re-entry of residents begins in some areas. Extensive assessment progresses and 78 structures are reported destroyed.

The **Santiago Fire** has burned to Modjeska Peak and poses a threat to the San Onofre/Chino power grid and telecommunications facilities. A secondary line is planned along the Orange/Riverside County border.

The **Witch Fire** reports containment progress on the west flank of the fire. However, onshore winds continue to affect control lines with warm, dry, and unstable conditions at high elevations and on eastern areas of the fire. The Poomacha and Witch fires merge. Protecting the San Diego Wild Animal Park and a local Indian reservation remain a concern. Re-entry of residents continues in Poway, Escondido, Rancho Santa Fe, San Diego and Rancho Bernardo, as well as in Julian, Wynola, Cuyamaca, Del Dios and Lake Hodges. Ramona evacuations are lifted. The estimated containment date is October 31.

■ Peak Wind Speeds: October 20–31, 2007

October 26 highlighted



■ Governor Schwarzenegger issued Executive Order S-13-07 directing state agencies to take numerous actions:

- suspend the one-week waiting period for unemployment insurance
- waive fees in the replacement of certain vital documents
- expedite cleanup and debris removal

California Fire Siege October 26, 2007

With the change in wind direction, the **Rice Fire** reports significant progress on fire line construction, although portions of the fire perimeter are still in need of line construction. Deluz and areas north of Mission Road continue to be threatened. Meanwhile, re-entry continues for portions of Fallbrook. The estimated containment date is set at October 28.

The **Ammo Fire** commanders predict no fire spread for the next operational period. Acreage burned to date is 21,084 acres, with 90% containment.

The **Grass Valley Fire** reports good progress in the Miller Canyon drainage with no perimeter growth anticipated in this operational period. Mandatory evacuation orders for the Crestline community are reduced to voluntary status. All other evacuation and road closures remain in effect. Current acreage burned stands at 1,140 acres with 75 % containment. The estimated containment date is set for October 28.

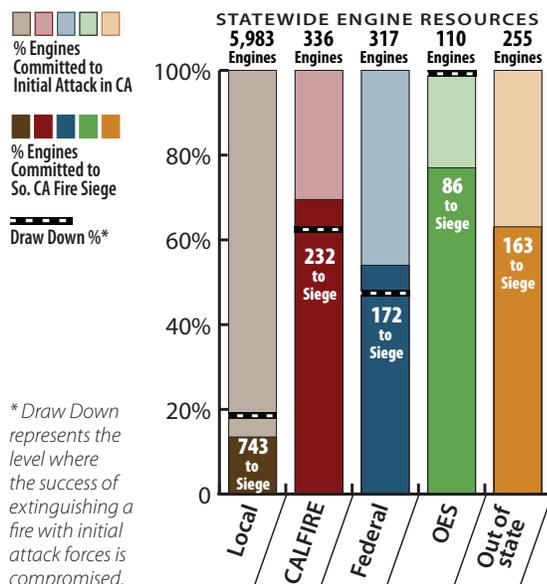
The **Ranch Fire** reports complete line construction on the west perimeter of the fire with good progress made overall. The team sets an expected containment date of October 30.



Firefighters feel a cautious optimism as the Santa Ana Winds begin to slow.

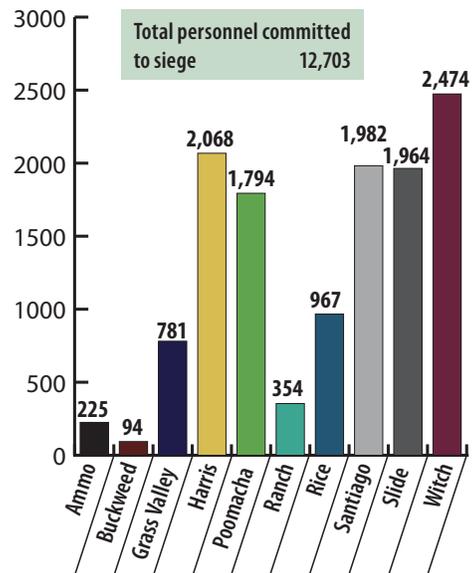
Resources Committed:

Engines, October 26, 2007



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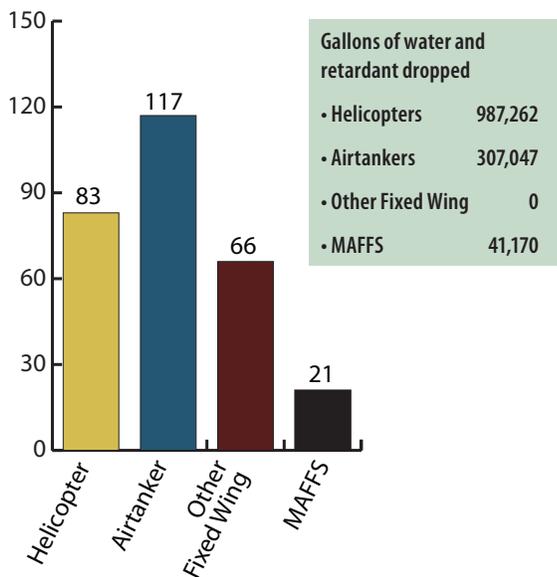
President George W. Bush shakes hands with firefighters during his tour of the siege.



■ ESF-4 resources arrive in California and are dispersed to incidents.

■ Evacuation center at Qualcomm Stadium closed.

■ Resources Committed: Aircraft, Flight Hours, October 26, 2007



■ A resident surveys the damage done by the Santiago fire.

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