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The Sayre Fires Near Sylmar

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Summary

More than 820 personnel were called upon to extinguish the fast-moving Sayre fires near Sylmar. They started sometime late Friday night, Nov. 14.

As of press time, an investigative team is asking for the public's assistance to help establish the cause of the Sayre fire. Investigators have spoken to witnesses but are still seeking additional information that may assist with the ongoing investigation into the fire. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Los Angeles Fire Department at (213) 485-6095.

Fire Situation: As of Nov. 20, firefighters continue to patrol the fire lines in Placerita Canyon and extinguish any hot spots that flare up. Water-dropping helicopters are assisting firefighters with extinguishing hot spots burning in the interior areas within the existing fire lines. Firefighting resources are being released to return home.

Evacuation Closures: All evacuations have been lifted. The Oakridge Mobile Home Park is open to residents only.

Evacuation Centers: The Red Cross has an evacuation center at Sylmar High School.

Animal Evacuations: Large animals may be picked up by owners at Hansen Dam Equestrian Center. Small animal evacuation center is located at West Valley, East Valley and Mission Shelter.

Cooperating Agencies: LA County Sheriff, LAPD, LAFD, California Highway Patrol, LA County Animal Control, Red Cross, DWP, LA County Parks, LA County Coroner, LA County Public Health.

Geographic Location: North of Sylmar, west of Interstate 5, east of Hwy. 14, south of Placerita Canyon

Acres Burned:
11,262 acres (17 square miles)

Percent Contained: 98 percent

Cause: Under investigation

Injuries: 4 total (minor injury)

Structures Destroyed: 487 residences, 1 commercial building

Outbuildings Destroyed: 142

Resources:

Hand Crews: 25

Fire Engines: 50

Helicopters: 6

Dozers: 9

Water Tenders: 6

Total Personnel Assigned:
821

Cost to Date:
\$12,290,119

