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ADVISORY
BOBCAT FIRE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA
09 September 2020

The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles informs all Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in Southern California that a wildfire dubbed the “*Bobcat Fire*” erupted near the Cogswell Dam, above the City of Azusa in the Angeles National Forest on 06 September 2020.

It is currently burning an estimated 11,456 acres (4,636 approximately hectares). As of 4:00 in the afternoon on 09 September 2020, the fire was only 0% contained.

According to U.S. Forest Service, Santa Ana winds, gusting between 35 and 55 mph, coupled with continued warm and dry weather conditions will contribute to active and erratic burning.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department has already dispatched 401 firefighters to the scene, including 33 engines, nine hand crews, one helicopter and three planes to battle the blaze.

The Incident Action plan of the National Interagency Fire Center indicates that the firefighters will keep the fire west of Highway 39, east of Mt. Wilson, north of foothill communities and south of the Angeles Crest Highway.

Evacuation orders have been issued in the areas of Monrovia, Sierra Madre, Duarte, Arcadia, Bradbury, Altadena and Pasadena.

Officials warned that residents to have **“evacuation plans in place, organize their emergency evacuation supplies and have essential evacuation personal belongings easily accessible. Vehicles should be fully fueled, facing out of driveways and ready to leave.”**

The Red Cross has set up a **temporary evacuation center at Santa Anita Park, 285 W. Huntington Drive**, for anyone affected by the Bobcat Fire. Shelter for large animals is located at Fairplex in Pomona and Santa Anita Park.

The Angeles National Forest is closed to the public until 14 September 2020. State Route 39 is closed at Old Gabriel Canyon Road, as is State Route 2 east of Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road to Islip Saddle.

Filipinos and Filipino-Americans are strongly advised to take safety precautions and monitor fire development at www.fire.gov.ca and through the CAL Fire Incident Information Line (209) 890-8140.

In case of **emergency, dial 9-1-1 or 877-ASK-LAPD or 1-877-275-5273.**

Filipinos needing urgent assistance may also call (213) 587-0758; (213) 268-9990; (213) 269-7852. END.