



For Immediate Release  
 Date: June 22, 2016 AM

**Sherpa Fire**

**Location:** West of Goleta, Santa Barbara County, Los Padres National Forest.

<b>Acres Burned:</b>	7,969	<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	270
<b>Containment:</b>	89%	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	1
<b>Fire Started:</b>	June 15, 2016	<b>Injuries:</b>	9
<b>Cause:</b>	Under investigation		
<b>Total personnel assigned to the fire:</b> 1,678			

**Summary**

Crews continue to make steady progress toward full suppression. Minimal fire activity observed over last 24 hours with scattered pockets of heat remaining within the burn area. No new burned acreage was reported overnight.

Firefighters continue to build and reinforce containment lines. Their efforts increased the overall containment to 89 percent. The priority for today and the next several days will be securing the fireline and mopping-up on the northeast corner of the fire. Securing the line is slow and difficult because it is remote and the terrain is steep.

**Fire Weather:** A return to more normal weather patterns has improved firefighting efforts as cooler and more humid conditions spread across the area. The early morning marine layer has created an inversion layer at about 700 foot elevation. Conditions above the inversion remain warm and dry.

**Evacuations:** Evacuation Warning areas opened for access today, June 22 at 5 a.m. This includes Calle Lippizana east to Farren Road, Las Llagas Canyon, Gato Canyon, Las Varas Canyon, Dos Pueblos Canyon and Eagle Canyon.

Mandatory Evacuation areas reduced to Warning areas today, June 22 at 5 a.m. **Only landowners, residents and their farm laborers are allowed to enter areas designed as Evacuation Warning.**

**EXCEPTIONS**

- El Capitan Canyon will remain closed with a tentative reopening of June 25.
- In Refugio Canyon, the area north of 1800 Refugio Canyon will remain under Mandatory Evacuation, with a tentative reopening of June 25. The road south of the 1800 block (also known as “The Narrows”) will be reduced to a WARNING area, but, closed to non-fire traffic between 7 to 9 a.m. and between 6 to 8 p.m. to allow safe passage of fire-fighting traffic.

Refugio State Beach will reopen to the public on Saturday, June 25. El Capitan State Beach will remain closed at least through July 15.

For additional, Santa Barbara County residents can call 211, contact the Sherpa Fire Information Line at (800) 325-9604, or visit Santa Barbara County online at [countyofsb.org](http://countyofsb.org).



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