

Zaca Incident

**Southwest Portion of Ventura County
and
Southeast Portion of Santa Barbara County**

CA-LPF-001087



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Wildland Pre-Fire Plan

August 18, 2007

**Prepared for
Zaca Unified Area Command**

Overview

This Zaca Incident (Southwest Portion of Ventura County and Southeast Portion of Santa Barbara County) Wildland Pre-Fire Plan has been developed considering the following:

- “Ventura Zone” is established for the Zaca Incident.
 - Highway 33 at Rose Valley Road south and east of Live Oak Zone (*Blue Line*).
- Authority to manage the Ventura Zone is delegated by Zaca Unified Area Command to Incident Commander Aaron Gelobter, Boise National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) Incident Management Team (IMT).
- Jim Smith, Incident Commander for Central Coast Incident Management Team #7 (CCIMIT #7) is assigned as Deputy Incident Commander and the remainder of CCIMIT#7 serves as Deputies and support to the Boise NIMO IMT.
- In-briefing for CCIMIT #7 will be conducted by the Boise NIMO IMT Sunday, August 19, at 0900 hours at the Ventura County Fairgrounds.
- Incident Commander Gelobter assumes command of the Ventura Zone Monday, August 20, at 0600 hours.
- This plan incorporates the “*Ventura County Fire Dept. Wildland Pre-Fire Plan Zaca Fire*”, August 12, 2007.
- This plan also delineates the new Decision Points for 24, 12 and 6-hour positioning of the fire. See Attachment 1.

Base Camp

The Ventura County Fairgrounds are selected for the Ventura Zone Base Camp. The camp will be operational Sunday, August 19, 2007, at 1200 hours. The Boise NIMO and Central Coast IMT personnel will move to the fairgrounds Sunday, August 19. Support and services will be provided to:

- Incident Management Team
- Contingency resources
- Richardson Zone heavy helibase resources located at Lake Casitas.
- A Mobile Kitchen Unit will begin services with a dinner meal Sunday, August 19.

Planning

- The first Incident Action Plan (IAP) will be developed Sunday, August 19.
- The first Operational Briefing will occur Monday, August 20, at 0600 hours at the fairgrounds.
- Ventura Zone will provide information to the Live Oak Zone for a consolidated Incident Status Summary (ICS-209).

Information

- Information for the Wheeler Gorge to Ventura County area will be managed by the Ventura Zone information organization beginning Monday, August 20, at 0600 hours.
- Ventura Zone will provide coordination between Ventura County and the greater Santa Barbara group.

Finance

- Consider a Cost Apportionment Team when the fire reaches the 6-Hour trigger point.

Ordering

- A block of Request Numbers beginning at “20,000” is established for the Ventura Zone through the Los Padres Expanded Dispatch ordering point.

Communications

- A BIFC radio cache shall be ordered.
- Establish an inter-operable system between the BIFC cache and Ventura County radio system
- An OES Communication Trailer will be set up at the Ventura Fairgrounds.

Law Enforcement

- Ventura County Sheriff will be stood up at the Ventura Fairgrounds in a trailer provided by Camp-in-a-Box.
- Ventura County Sheriff will manage any future road closure(s) from Wheeler Gorge to Ventura County and along Highway 150.

Ventura Operational Zone

The Ventura operational zone will be broken into two branches.

- Branch XXX – Wheeler, East of Highway 33
- Branch XXXI – Meiners Oak, West of Highway 33

Within the scope of each branch there will be a separation of duties and responsibilities geographically with perimeter control and functionality with structure protection. Structure protection groups will be established in accordance with the “*Ventura County Fire Dept. Wildland Pre-Fire Plan Zaca Fire*”, August 12, 2007. Structure protection groups will triage urban interface and intermix areas in advance of the fire. Group Supervisors will be supervised by a Structure Protection Branch Director.

Divisions will be organized initially for indirect line construction with the potential for suppression actions.

Initiating Action Resource Order

- 15 – Single Resource Type 3 Engines
- 8 – Type 1 Handcrews or 4 Type 1 Handcrew Strike Teams
- 5 – Type 2 Dozer Strike Teams

Initial Contingency Resource Order

Organization and Resource Needs for Perimeter Control

- 9 - Type 3 Engine Strike Teams
- 22 - Watertenders
- 12 - Type 1 Handcrews
- 18 - Type 2 Dozer Strike Teams

Organization and Resource Needs for Structure Protection

- 7 - Type 3 Engine Strike Teams
- 10 - Type 1 Handcrews
- 2 – Single Resource Type 2 Dozers
- 10 - Chippers

Attachment 1 – 24, 12 and 6-hour Decision Points



