

Butler2 Fire, San Bernardino County Monday, September 17, 2007

- The Butler Two Fire started on Friday, September 14 northwest of Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino National Forest. It has currently burned 15,433 acres and is 12 percent contained.
- The fire has burned into state and local responsibility areas and is being managed in a Unified Command with San Bernardino County Fire, Cal-Fire and San Bernardino County Sheriff.
- An estimated 600 homes remain threatened (primarily the Fawnskin area). Big Bear Valley Unified School District has closed all schools in the district on Monday, and will re-evaluate continued closure tomorrow.
- Evacuations are mandatory in the Fawnskin area. A voluntary evacuation is in place for the communities of Lucerne Valley, from Crystal Creek Road west to High Road, everything south to Pitzer Buttes, and Running Springs from the center of town east through the community of Arrowbear.
- The following shelters have been opened: Lucerne Valley Senior Center, 10431 Allen Way, Lucerne and Big Bear High School, 351 N. Maple Lane.
- Two campgrounds in the Butler Peak area, Camp Whittle and Camp Hanna Flats have been evacuated and closed.
- Camp Whittle, a YMCA facility, has lost one out building.
- The California Highway Patrol has closed Hwy 18 between Snow Valley and Big Bear Dam in the area of the fire.