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FACT SHEET

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SBC-JIC Jesusita Fire 081

DATE: May 13, 2009

TIME: 2000 (8:00 P.M.)

Jesusita Fire Fact Sheet as of May 13, 2009 at 2000 (8:00 P.M.)

Fire Status:

- 8,733 acres burned
- 80% contained
- Damage assessment teams have been working in the field providing more accurate survey numbers. Assessment to date: 80 homes destroyed, 15 homes damaged; 79 outbuildings destroyed; 2 outbuildings damaged; 1 commercial property destroyed.
- Approximately 45 properties evacuated (mandatory evacuation orders); affects approx. 112 people
- Residences threatened – 500; commercial properties threatened – 0
- 2798 personnel on scene: 203 engines, 86 crews
- 3 air tankers, and 9 helicopters
- 29 firefighter injuries to date
- Cause under investigation: Tip line – 805-686-5074
- Air quality warning remains in effect
- Estimated costs to date \$16.3 million
- Expected containment 5/20/09

JESUSITA FIRE EVACUATIONS:

The public is reminded that East Camino Cielo, east of Painted Cave, and all of Gibraltar Road remain within the **mandatory evacuation order** area and are closed except for emergency vehicle traffic.

The current **evacuation warnings** remain in effect for:

- The northern boundary remains at East Camino Cielo
- The southern boundary remains at Cathedral Oaks Road, Foothill Road (HWY 192), Stanwood Drive (HWY 192), Sycamore Canyon Road (HWY 192), East Valley Road (HWY192), to Hot Springs Road.

- The Western Boundary of the evacuation warning area will move from Patterson Ave/San Jose Creek to Old San Marcos Road, Old San Marcos to HWY 154 (this includes the Trout Club area). HWY 154 to East Camino Cielo.
- The Eastern Boundary remains at Hot Springs Road extending north to East Camino Cielo Road.

Trail Closures:

- Approximately 70% of the San Marcos Foothills Preserve land area suffered some form of fire damage and are closed to the public until further notice due to continuing fire fighting operations. We expect to have a habitat assessment team on site for a detailed analysis on Monday, May 18. Certain areas may be accessible after the assessment.
- The City and Forest Service have closed Jesusita Trail, Tunnel Road Trail, and Rattlesnake Canyon Trail to the public until further notice.
- San Antonio Creek Trail is open.

Road Closures:

- Road Closure Hotline – 805-568-3006
- www.countyofsb.org/pwd/roads/closure.htm

UCSB Multi Activity Center is now on standby status

The Red Cross has placed the Emergency Shelter at the Multi Activity Center (aka Rec Center) on the UCSB Campus on standby status and it will be re-opened if future fire evacuation announcements warrant. Anyone currently in need of assistance should go to the Red Cross Service Center at 2101 State Street or call the American Red Cross, Santa Barbara County Chapter at (805) 687-1331.

Red Cross Opens Service Center

An American Red Cross Service Center has been opened in the Fellowship Hall of the First Congregational Church at 2101 State St (enter from Padre Street) to serve those most affected by the Jesusita Fire. It will be open during the following hours:

Wednesday, May 13	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday, May 14	9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday, May 15	9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 16	12 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 17	12 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Monday, May 18	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Service Center has trained Red Cross volunteers providing casework for the residents whose houses were destroyed or significantly damaged by the Jesusita Fire. In addition, mental health and health services volunteers are offering help to those who need it.

Key Phone Numbers:

- County Jesusita Fire Call Center – 805-681-5197
- Evacuation Shelter (Red Cross) – 687-1331
- Animal Services Hotline – 805-681-4332

Everyone is advised to conserve water.

Animal Shelter Locations:

- Large animals: Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real – Santa Barbara

- Small animals: Call the Animal Services Hotline - 805-681-4332

The Internet:

- City of Santa Barbara website at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov
- County of Santa Barbara website at www.CountyofSB.org.
- Montecito Fire Department at www.montecitofire.com/jesuitarecovery.htm

Television:

- CityTV Channel 18
- County of Santa Barbara TV Channel 20
- KEYT-TV Channel 3

Radio Stations:

- FM: KCSB-91.9; KSYV-96.7; KTYD-99.9; KSBL-101.7; KRAZ-105.9
- AM: KTMS-990; KZSB-1290; KUHL-1410; KINF-1440
- Spanish language FM stations KSPE-94.5 and KIST-107.7

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