

Southern California wildfire roars to life in wilderness

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MALIBU, Calif. — Southern California's huge wildfire roared to life again Tuesday in a mountain wilderness area...

A massive plume rose suddenly at midmorning in the Santa Monica Mountains near the community of Lake Sherwood...

Forecasters had warned of ongoing fire danger due to persistent Santa Ana winds, the withering, dry gusts that sweep out of the interior toward the coast...

But, except for an apartment building that burned overnight in coastal Malibu, there was little sign of fire activity elsewhere in the vast fire zone west of Los Angeles.

Officials tempered optimism with caution, saying there were hotspots and pockets of unburned vegetation.

"We are not out of the woods yet. We still have some incredibly tough conditions ahead of us," Ventura County Fire Chief Mark Lorenzen said.

The death toll from the Woolsey fire stood at two, a pair of adults found last week in a car overtaken by flames. They have not been identified.

The number of homes and other structures destroyed was 435. Damage assessment was con-



A mountain is seen through charred window frames of a mansion burned down by the Woolsey Fire on Tuesday in Agoura Hills, Calif.

tinuing, with crews having to gain access to canyon areas on foot.

"That number is going to rise significantly," Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl Osby said.

The fire has burned more than 80 percent of National Parks Service land in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, officials said.

Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth lost their Malibu home in the wildfire and are donating \$500,000 to The Malibu Foundation through Cyrus' charity, The Happy Hippie Foundation.

A statement from the couple says they "are very grateful to be safe along with their animals."

The fire has grown to 150 square miles, but containment also increased to 35 percent.

Authorities lifted evacuations Tuesday in parts or all of at least five commu-

nities and other areas have been repopulated since the weekend. About 100,000 people remained under evacuation orders, down from a high of as many as 250,000.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell urged patience by residents being turned back at roadblocks.

The area has not seen such a firestorm since the Old Topanga fire of 1993 and has left an array of hazards ranging from trees ready to fall to downed power lines, toxins, water main and gas leaks, and other destroyed infrastructure.

"We want to get you home but more important we want you to be safe," McDonnell said.

Forecasts called for the Santa Ana winds to lighten Wednesday and Thursday.

"We're in what we hope will be the last day of a

major wind event," the sheriff said.

A forecast of possible rain next week would help firefighters, but also raised the prospect of potential mud flows, Osby said.

At least 42 people were confirmed dead in a wildfire that obliterated the Northern California town of Paradise, making it the deadliest wildfire in recorded state history.

The cause of the Southern California fires remained under investigation.

Southern California Edison said last week that it reported to the California Public Utilities Commission "out of an abundance of caution" that there was an outage on an electrical circuit near where the fire started Thursday but there was no indication its equipment was involved in the fire reported two minutes after the outage.

BRIEFLY

Pink diamond sells for more than \$50 million, setting world record

GENEVA (AP) — Christie's sold the "Pink Legacy" diamond at auction Tuesday for more than \$50 million including fees, saying it's a new world record price per carat for a pink diamond.

Christie's said renowned jeweler Harry Winston was the buyer. The auction house had expected to fetch \$30 million to \$50 million for the nearly 19-carat, rectangular-cut stone, the largest fancy vivid pink diamond that it has ever put under the hammer.

It was the standout offering at Christie's fall jewelry auction in Geneva. The standing-room only ballroom broke into applause after the auctioneer struck down a hammer price of \$44.5 million. That excludes the standard "buyer's premium" and other fees.

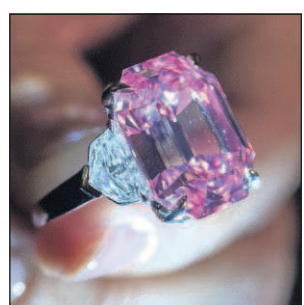
All told, the diamond went for \$50.375 million, including the fees.

The stone once belonged to the Oppenheimer diamond family, and Christie's says it's among the most chemically pure gems — with little if any nitrogen.

Rahul Kadakia, Christie's head of international jewelry, said the auction house has sold only four diamonds weighing more than 10 carats of the same color in its 251 years in business.

Christie's chairman for Europe, Francois Curiel, called the stone the "Leonardo da Vinci" of diamonds.

"The 'Pink Legacy' ... brought this extremely high price of \$50 million — so \$2.6 million per carat, which is a world



Martial Trezzini/Keystone via AP file

In this Thursday, Nov. 8 file photo, a Christie's employee displays an 18.96-carat fancy vivid pink diamond during a preview at Christie's in Geneva, Switzerland.

record price for a pink diamond. The previous record was \$2.1 million, but for a much larger stone: Over 50 carats," Curiel said.

U.S. trial of Mexican drug lord 'El Chapo' gets underway

NEW YORK (AP) — The infamous Mexican drug lord and escape artist Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman was alternately portrayed at his U.S. trial on Tuesday as a calculating leader of a bloodthirsty smuggling operation that funneled tons of cocaine and other drugs into American cities and a scapegoat for a conspiracy whose actual mastermind bribed crooked Mexican officials as high as the president to keep his freedom.

In opening statements amid tight security in federal court in Brooklyn, Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam Fels told a jury whose identities have been kept secret how the man who got his start in a modest marijuana-selling business became a kingpin known for using an army of hit men to wipe out his competitors and anyone within his Sinaloa cartel who betrayed him.

"Money. Drugs. Murder. ... That is what this case is about," Fels said.

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