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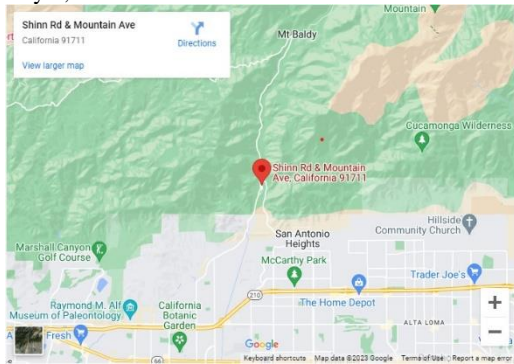
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Search near Mount Baldy called off after no bear attack victim found

By Emily Holshouser, SB Sun

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A multi-agency air search was called off Monday evening after an unsubstantiated report that a woman may have been attacked by a bear near Mount Baldy, authorities said.

The **San Bernardino County Fire Department** responded to Mountain Avenue and Shinn Road — an area that includes several hiking trails — at around 4:30 p.m. after a woman called 911 reporting a bear attack.

The fire department, along with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Los Angeles County Fire Department, immediately began an aerial search. Several bears were sighted in the area, the fire department said.

As of 6 p.m., no victims had been located. All units helping with the search have been released.

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Crews are battling Roundup fire in foothills near Apple Valley

By Brooke Staggs, SB Sun

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Smoke from the Roundup fire is seen from a home in Hesperia. Crews are battling the blaze, which broke out Tuesday, July 4, in the foothills south of Apple Valley. (Photo courtesy of Martial Haprov)

Air and ground crews were battling a vegetation fire that broke out Tuesday, July 4, in the foothills south of Apple Valley, with smoke visible across the High Desert.

The fire was reported just after 12:30 p.m. near Rattlesnake Canyon, in the Marianas area, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department. CalFire logged the blaze, which is being called the Roundup fire, at 5 acres just before 1 p.m. Within half an hour, they said it had grown to 31 acres.

As of Tuesday evening, the fire was at 34 acres and had been 80% contained, CalFire's San Bernardino Unity reported, becoming more controlled throughout the day. Personnel were set to stay in the area handling the fire over the next several hours.

No homes were immediately threatened by the fire Tuesday afternoon, as it burned through hillside brush that had grown dense after a wet winter.

Firefighters started off battling the blaze from the air. At one point, CalFire spokesperson Alison Hesterly said, they had four tankers and two helicopters working to douse the flames from above. Area residents reported seeing drops from a tanker and heavy activity from a variety of fire agencies.

It took ground crews about 35 minutes to get to the remote canyon to join the fire fight, Hesterly said. In a later tweet, CalFire officials said there were 11 fire engines and four water tenders working the fire.

Temperatures soared above 90 degrees in the area Tuesday afternoon, as heavy winds also picked up.

"There's a strong wind blowing out of the south, southwest," Hesterly said.

However, CalFire said the fire's rate of spread was considered slow, with little growth in the later part of the afternoon following the heavy air attacks. Hesterly said responders were concerned about the potential for it to pick back up, given the conditions.

CalFire law enforcement is investigating the cause of the blaze.

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