



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **“Opal Fire” burns 68 acres in Mentone**

**Date/Time:** 11/5/21, 3:41PM  
**Location:** Opal Ave, adjacent to Redlands Airport, Mentone  
**Incident:** Vegetation Fire

**Summary:** Yesterday afternoon fire crews were dispatched to a reported vegetation fire in the area just East of Redlands airport. Arriving firefighters found 1-2 acres burning in the the County local responsibility area (LRA) and City of Redlands. The fire also was burning adjacent to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land.

Firefighters engaged in a fire attack, working on perimeter control and line construction to help stop the fire. Thankfully the fire was burning away from homes and the Redlands airport. The fire continued to spread and additional resources including a water dropping helicopter from San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department was ordered. At the height of the fire more than 100 firefighters & 20 engines battled the fire.

By nightfall fire crews were able to stop the fire's spread at 68 acres. Crews transitioned to mop-up & line construction operations, staying on the fire line overnight. The fire was mapped at 68 acres with 66 acres in County fire LRA & 2 acres in the City of Redlands. Today fire crews continued to mop-up and patrol the fire for any hotspots. The fire is now 100% contained. The cause/origin is under investigation by San Bernardino County Fire investigators.

San Bernardino County responded with 5 Engines, a crew, dozer, two water tenders and, two fire investigators & multiple chief officers. Redlands Fire Department, CAL FIRE San Bernardino/Inyo/Mono Unit, United States Forest Service, City of Highland, San Manuel, Rancho Cucamonga, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and San Bernardino County Sheriff Air all assisted. Thanks to our cooperators for their assistance.

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