

ROMERO FIRE STATISTICS

1. ORIGIN - Bella Vista Road one-eighth mile east of Romero Creek, approximately 1545, 10/6/71.
2. CAUSE - Probable incendiary.
3. INITIAL RESPONSE - Montecito Fire Department - Carpinteria Fire Department, Santa Barbara City Fire Department, Santa Barbara County, and the U. S. Forest Service.
4. INITIAL ATTACK - 1608 by a Montecito truck with six men, 1615 by two Forest Service air tankers.
5. FIRE LOAD INDEX - 53 measured four miles from the origin at 1430.
6. CONTROLLED - 1800, 10/16/71.
7. MOPPED UP - 1800, 10/24/71
8. FINAL AREA - 14,538 acres, including 7,376 acres of private lands inside the Forest boundary, 6,695 acres of National Forest land, and 467 acres of private lands inside the paid protection boundary for the Los Padres National Forest.
9. FINAL PERIMETER - Approximately 31.0 miles including 9.0 miles of hand line, 16.0 miles of tractor line, and 6.0 miles put out by ground tankers.  
  
13.8 miles of the perimeter was controlled on preconstructed fuelbreaks.  
  
(6.6 miles of tractor-built secondary line is not included in the above figure.)
10. MANPOWER - 1,296 Forest Service, 725 other fire agencies, and 45 facilitating agencies, i.e., Sheriff's Office, Red Cross, Carpinteria Police Department, etc., (peak day).
11. MANHOURS TO CONTROL - 191,503
12. MANHOURS TO MOP-UP - 11,145
13. NUMBER OF FIRE CAMPS - 3 (2) Forest Service and (1) CDF

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14. EQUIPMENT - 24 Forest Service, 94 other fire agency ground tankers.

39 tractors; 20 air tankers; 8 helicopters.

15. FIRE RETARDANTS - 1,013,000 gallons dropped from air tankers and 63,00 gallons dropped from helicopters.

16. DAMAGES - Watershed:	\$2,600,000
Improvements:	\$ 540,000
Estimated cost of suppression including cooperator costs:	\$2,100,000

17. INJURIES - 91, including four fatalities on 10/7/71.