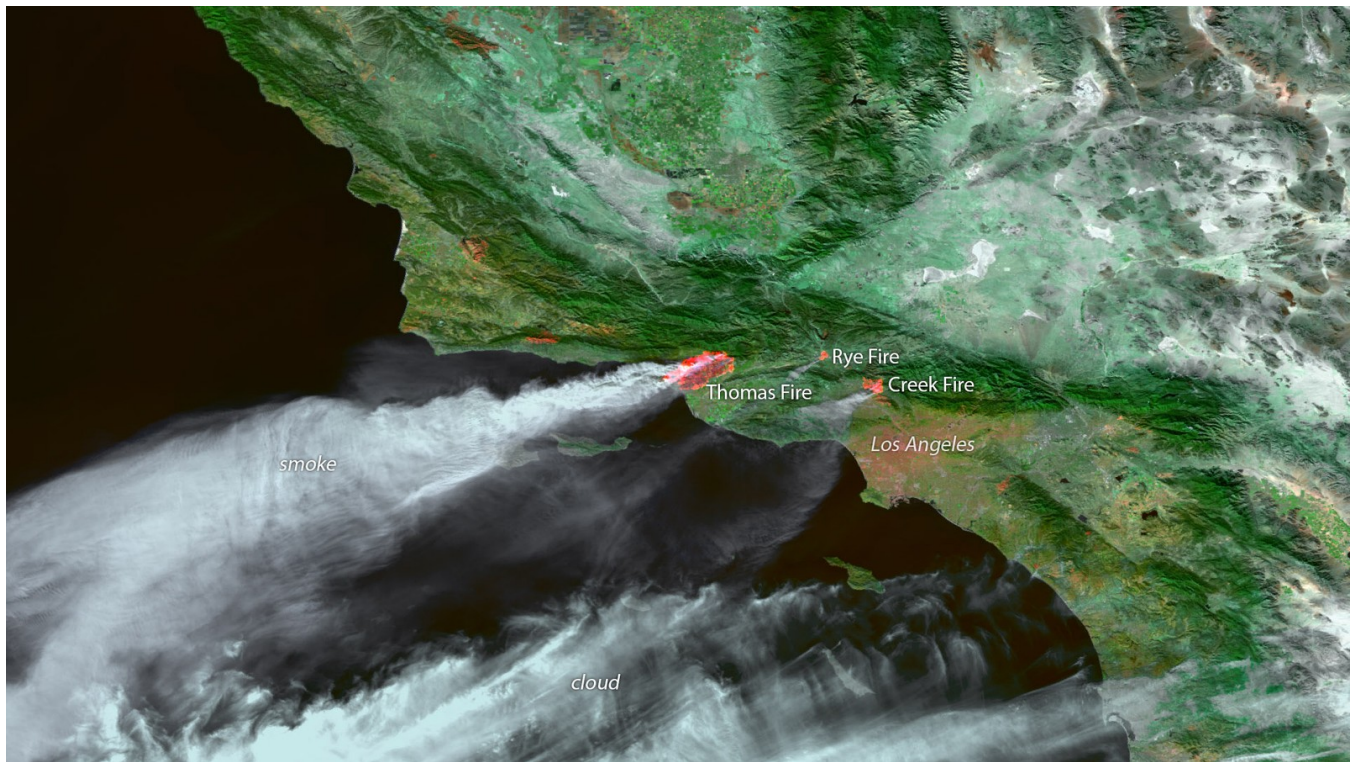




National Weather Service: Red Flag Warnings for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties Thursday and Friday as Santa Ana Winds Return, With High Wind Watches and Heat Advisories From San Luis Obispo to San Diego

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The National Weather Service in Los Angeles/Oxnard has Red Flag Warnings in effect from 6 a.m. Thursday, October 15 to 10 p.m. Friday, October 16 for most valleys, coasts and mountains of Los Angeles and Ventura counties, citing Santa Ana gusts of 40 to 70 mph and humidity as low as 5 percent; NWS San Diego and Los Angeles also posted High Wind Watches and Heat Advisories with temperatures up to the mid-90s on the coast.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has posted Red Flag Warnings for much of Los Angeles and Ventura counties from 6 a.m. Thursday, October 15, 2026 to 10 p.m. PDT Friday, October 16, along with High Wind Watches, Fire Weather Watches and Heat Advisories across Southern California and the Central Coast. Alert details below come from the NWS alerts feed as of about 1 a.m. PDT Wednesday, October 14.

NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard says moderate to locally strong Santa Ana winds will quickly develop Thursday, peak Thursday afternoon through Friday afternoon, then weaken through the weekend, while dry air "will settle over the region and dry out any helpful effects of the recent rains." The office headlined a "high risk for extreme fire behavior with any new fire starts." Some of the windiest areas may see Red Flag conditions linger into Saturday.

Red Flag Warnings (NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard)

- Valleys and coasts of Los Angeles and Ventura counties, including the Ventura County beaches and inland coast, central and southeastern Ventura County valleys, the Malibu coast, Calabasas and Agoura Hills, the western and eastern San Fernando Valley, and the San Gabriel Valley: northeast to east winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts of 40 to 50 mph, isolated gusts of 50 to 60 mph in the hills, and minimum humidity of 5 to 15 percent.
- Mountains of Los Angeles and Ventura counties, including the Santa Monica Mountains, Santa Susana Mountains, northern and southern Ventura County mountains, the Interstate 5 corridor, and the San Gabriel Mountains and Highway 14 corridor: northeast to east winds 20 to 40 mph with gusts of 50 to 70 mph, humidity minimums of 8 to 20 percent.
- Impacts, per NWS: "If fire ignition occurs, conditions are favorable for extreme fire behavior which would threaten life and property."

Fire Weather Watches

- San Luis Obispo County mountains and Santa Barbara County interior mountains (NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard): Friday morning through Friday afternoon, east winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph and humidity of 8 to 20 percent.
- Tehachapi area and Fort Tejon (NWS Hanford): strong east winds Thursday and Friday, with a 60 to 80 percent probability of gusts over 40 mph on Friday and humidity of 15 to 25 percent. NWS Hanford says the highest threat is from Pine Mountain Club through Frazier Park to Fort Tejon and that outdoor burning is not recommended.

High Wind Watches, Thursday morning through Friday evening

- NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard: San Gabriel Mountains, I-5 corridor, Santa Susana Mountains and western Santa Monica Mountains, northeast winds 25 to 45 mph with gusts of 50 to 70 mph. NWS warns that widespread power outages are possible.
- NWS San Diego: the Inland Empire valleys, gusts up to 55 mph and over 60 mph near the Cajon Pass; the San Bernardino and Riverside County mountains, gusts to 60 mph and locally 70 mph below the San Geronio Pass; and the Santa Ana Mountains and foothills, gusts to 60 mph.
- NWS San Diego: San Diego County valleys and mountains through Saturday evening, gusts to 50 mph and to 65 mph on the coastal slopes.

NWS says damaging winds could blow down trees and power lines, and travel could be difficult for high-profile vehicles.

Heat Advisories, 10 a.m. Thursday to 8 p.m. Saturday

- Los Angeles County beaches and inland coast, including downtown Los Angeles, the Palos Verdes Hills, Ventura County beaches and inland coast, the Malibu coast, and the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo county coasts: temperatures up to 95.
- Orange County coastal and inland areas and San Diego County coastal areas: temperatures in the upper 80s to mid-90s.

What NWS advises

- Use extreme caution with anything that can spark a wildfire. Residents near wildland areas should be prepared to evacuate if a fire breaks out. NWS points to readyforwildfire.org and wildfirerisk.org.

- Secure outdoor objects, avoid parking under trees, and have a plan for possible power outages.
- In the heat, drink plenty of fluids, stay in air conditioning and out of the sun, and check on relatives and neighbors. If wildfire smoke reaches your area, NWS suggests having a cooling plan and setting air conditioning to recirculate.

Warnings and watches can be upgraded, extended or canceled. Check weather.gov or your local NWS office for the latest.

Source

- National Weather Service, active alerts via api.weather.gov, retrieved about 1 a.m. PDT October 14, 2026: Red Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watch issued by NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard at 2:38 p.m. PDT October 13; High Wind Watch and Heat Advisories issued by NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard at 11:21 a.m. PDT October 13; High Wind Watches and Heat Advisory issued by NWS San Diego at 9:25 p.m. PDT October 13; Fire Weather Watch issued by NWS Hanford at 12:37 a.m. PDT October 14.
- weather.gov/lox, weather.gov/sgx, weather.gov/hnx.

Notes

- Image: NOAA satellite view of smoke from Santa Ana wind-driven wildfires in Ventura and Los Angeles counties, December 2017 (file image, illustrative; not current conditions). Image: NOAA via Wikimedia Commons (Public domain).
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