

Wildlife Wildfire Resources: Los Angeles & Ventura Counties

What do I do if I see injured wildlife from the wildfire?

- Do not attempt to touch or capture the animal to avoid injury to yourself or the animal. Give the animal space to avoid causing them stress. Do not corner or confine the animal.
- **If you are concerned that the animal is severely injured, please contact:**
 - **California Department of Fish & Wildlife** Region 5
Email: r5wildlifereport@wildlife.ca.gov | Call only: (858) 467-4201
 - **Pasadena Humane Society Wildlife Hotline**
Call or text 1-626-344-1129
 - **California Wildlife Center**
Native wildlife rehabilitation services for the Greater Los Angeles area
Text only: (818) 451-7289
 - **Alternative: Wildlife Disaster Network**
1-800-942-6459
- **Please note the following information to help rescuers:**
 - The **type of animal** and **suspected injury** or problem
 - The approximate **location**: street address, GPS coordinates, pin location, near a structure, etc.
 - Take a **picture or video** (from a safe distance from the animal!)

What can I do to support wildlife involved in wildfire areas?

- **Food & Water:** Do not feed or leave out food or water for the animals: as tempting as this seems, it is important to not feed wildlife. They may become sick by eating the wrong type of food and it encourages them to seek out humans for food which is detrimental to their health and wellbeing.
- **Domestic Animals:** Prevent human-wildlife conflict by supervising pets and livestock while they are outdoors, and by housing them in secure, cougar-proof enclosures when unattended.
- **Donate:** Support your local wildlife groups who provide organization, transport, care, and assistance for injured wildlife:

Pasadena Humane Society:
pasadenahumane.org

Wetlands and Wildlife:
wwccoc.org/donate

California Wildlife Center:
cawildlife.org

Wildlife Disaster Network:
give.ucdavis.edu/VWHC/325152

Cougar Conservancy:
cougarconservancy.org

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Cougar-Specific Reporting Instructions

How do I report a cougar sighting?

If you encounter a cougar and wish to report the sighting, report it to the National Park Service (specifically, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, which has been studying mountain lions in the Santa Monica Mountains, including Griffith Park, the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, and the Verdugo Mountains since 2002). You can send an email to **SAMO_mountainlions@nps.gov** or call **1-805-338-6275**.

For sightings outside of the above-mentioned areas, such as the San Gabriel Mountain areas, you can report via the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Wildlife Incident Reporting system (apps.wildlife.ca.gov/wir), or to the **Cougar Conservancy** (cougarconservancy.org/cougar-sightings).

When reporting, please include the location, date, and time of the sighting, and any photos or video you may have.

What do I do if I see an injured cougar?

If you see an injured cougar, report it to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW):

Southern California 24-hour dispatch
1-951-443-2944

You can also call the CDFW veterinary hotline at the Wildlife Health Laboratory: **916-358-2790** or contact them via email at **WILAB@wildlife.ca.gov**.

For sightings in the Santa Monica Mountains (SAMO), eastern SAMO (all areas east of the 405, including Griffith Park), Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, and the Verdugo Mountains area, report to the National Park Service by emailing **SAMO_mountainlions@nps.gov** or by calling **1-805-338-6275**.

You can also report a sighting using the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Wildlife Incident Reporting system: apps.wildlife.ca.gov/wir
Injured wildlife in Region 5 can be reported to the local CDFW office by calling **1-858-467-4201**.

When reporting, please include the location, date, and time of the sighting, and any photos or video you may have.