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Blue Cut Fires Rage Across Southern California, Stalling Rails and Trucks

In less than three days, the raging Blue Cut fires have burned well over 30,000 acres across the Cajon Pass in California, forcing evacuations of nearly 82,000 San Bernardino residents. Governor Jerry Brown has issued a state of emergency for the San Bernardino county in response, and the San Bernardino County Fire Department is fully mobilized to fight the flames. BNSF Railway has reported a track outage between San Bernardino and Barstow, California, stating that the active wildfire is obstructing safe passage to its Los Angeles and San Bernardino facilities. Union Pacific Railroad has also disabled tracks running through the area, citing safety concerns.

Customers should expect delays between 36 to 48 hours on shipments destined to move through this corridor. Carriers shipping container through the Northwest, East, and Canada are switching to other rail companies to circumnavigate the affected areas.

The Blue Cut fire is just one of eight large fires that the California Fire Department is currently fighting. At the time of writing, the fires are 4% contained. KWE will provide more information as it is received.



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