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Helicopters took part in the battle.

# Drying Winds Boost Fire Peril

Winds are rising and humidity is falling throughout the county, fire officials report.

In the Foothill area the humidity has fallen at some points to 7 per cent, with winds gusting to 15 miles an hour.

Ten per cent humidity or lower is considered an extreme fire hazard, officials report.

Similar or worse conditions are reported throughout the county. Helicopter patrols are in operation in some areas and camp crews and bulldozer units are on emergency standby.

Forest Service spokesman Bill Beaty said that despite increasing fire hazard there is no

plan to re-close recently opened camping areas.

Some forest areas had been off-limits to the public during the very high fire hazard period this summer.

Beaty said the public has historically cooperated in preventing fires in the forest area, and asked that visitors with a question or a problem stop at any ranger station for assistance.

He noted that even though the forest remains open, no form of open fire should be used on days such as today when winds greatly increase the fire hazard.