

SOUTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM #3

Tiger Fire July 4, 2021

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Size: Approximately 9,800 acres **Containment:** 0% **Cause:** Lightning

Location: 11 miles east of Crown King **Start Date:** June 30, 3:45 p.m.

Incident Commander: Dave Gesser **Total Personnel:** 159

Management of the Tiger Fire has been transitioned to Dave Gesser's Southwest Area Type 2 Incident Management Team 3

Fire personnel were engaged in a variety of ways on the Tiger Fire yesterday. Winds pushed the fire to the north towards Cleator and west towards Horsethief Basin. Use of aircraft was effective in slowing the fire progression to the south and east towards Black Canyon City. Afternoon storms brought wetting rain to Horsethief Basin with some isolated showers in the interior, unfortunately more precipitation is needed to make a significant impact across the fire. Even with some light precipitation, the fire remains active. Crews will continue to work on developing containment strategies and prepping potential control lines along roads and other features and begin structure assessments in Black Canyon City.

Access into the Castle Creek Wilderness is limited by the steep terrain making it unsafe for firefighters to fight the fire directly at the edge. The incident management team is being strategic on the placement of firefighting resources to ensure safe ingress/egress. Protection of life is the highest priority.

WEATHER: Another round of scattered showers and thunderstorms possible near the fire site on Saturday. Hazards include heavy rainfall, gusty outflow winds, and lightning. Otherwise, expect cloudy skies, hot temperatures, and typical westerly winds in the afternoon.

EVACUATIONS: At this time, the communities of Crown King, Cleator and Black Canyon City are in "READY" status, Lorena Gulch Cabins have been "SET" status and Horsethief Basin is in "GO" status in accordance with <u>Arizona's Ready-Set-Go program.</u>

CLOSURES: The Prescott National Forest has implemented a full Forest Closure. See the Prescott NF website for more information https://www.fs.usda.gov/prescott

FIRE RESTRICTIONS: For fire restriction information around Arizona, visit: https://wildlandfire.az.gov/fire-restrictions

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