



## Crooks Fire Incident Update Date: 04/22/2022



<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8067/>

**Fire Information:** 928-925-1111 **Hours:** 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.



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### Winds Continue to Challenge Firefighters April 22, 2022

**Location:** 10 miles south of Prescott-Bradshaw Ranger District (T12N, R2W, SEC 12), near Mt Union.

**Start Date:** April 18, 2022

**Size:** Approximately 2356 acres, 0% Containment

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Vegetation:** Brush, Ponderosa Pine, and Mixed Conifer

**Number of Personnel Assigned:** 359

Last night the fire remained active. Strong winds will continue to test fire lines. The fire had minimal growth to the northeast and west of Senator Highway. Large diameter dead and downed fuels continue to burn along the perimeter and interior, increasing smoke which can be seen in the surrounding communities.

With communities still being threatened by the fire, structure and point source protection remains a priority where it is safe for firefighters to engage. Firefighters continue to build direct and indirect line construction in areas offering potential success of line holding. Today's wind will continue to test fire lines along the north east edge of the fire.

During initial attack on Monday, April 21 two outbuilding were damaged. Additional information will be released when property locations have been verified and owners notified.

We would like to remind the communities that firefighter and public safety remain the number one objective. We want to make sure your communities are safe before we allow anyone to return home.

Resources Assigned: 5 - Type 1 Hotshot crews, 2 - Type 2 Hand crews, 19 - Engines, 5 - Helicopters, Miscellaneous Equipment and Overhead.

**WEATHER:** A passing weather system will bring cool and windy conditions. Afternoon humidity is predicted to be 40%, light rain is possible. The greatest hazard will be strong Southwest winds, with the potential for gusts to 40 mph near ridgetops and through aligned drainages. Decreased wind is forecast for the weekend, along with a warming trend and decreased humidity.

**EVACUATIONS:** Information about current evacuation status can be found on the Yavapai County Sheriff's Department Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/YavapaiCountySheriff/>

**FOREST CLOSURE:** To provide public health and safety due to firefighting operations and fire danger associated with the uncontrolled Crooks Fire the Prescott National Forest has implemented a fire area emergency closure. To view the Crooks Fire area closure order and map visit: [Prescott National Forest - Alerts & Notices \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/Prescott-National-Forest/alerts-notices)