

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TUNNEL FIRE

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EVACUEE CALL CENTER: 928-679-8525



Tunnel Fire Morning Update – Saturday April 23, 2022

Tunnel Fire Quick Facts

Start Date: April 17, 2022
Cause: Under Investigation
Incident Commander:
Randy Johnson
Pacific Northwest Team 3

Approx. Size: 21,164 ac.
Containment: 3%
Total Personnel: 334
Location: 14 Miles Northeast of Flagstaff,
AZ

Resources:
9 Crews
18 Engines
5 Dozers
1 Air Attack Plane
3 Helicopters

Current Situation: Winds are expected to shift, coming from the north and northeast today and tomorrow. Firefighters are positioned to respond.

Today's Activities: Fire crews continue working on the spot fire on 89 Mesa. Fireline construction with bulldozers and hand crews is ongoing around the edge of the fire between O'Leary Peak and Black Mountain. Crews continue to patrol and mop up hot spots in the Timberline Estates and Wupatki Trails subdivisions, as well as along the southern flank of the fire along Forest Road 545. To contain the fire's east edge, crews will also build fireline line in Strawberry Crater north from Forest Road 545.

Pacific Northwest Team 3 transitioned with the outgoing Northern Arizona Type 3 incident management team this morning. The two teams have been working together since Thursday afternoon to ensure a smooth transfer.

Evacuations: Information about evacuations, structures that have been burned, and when evacuation levels may change, is updated online at the [Coconino County Tunnel Fire page](#). The County has also established a Coconino County Tunnel Fire Call Center at 928-679-8525.

Closures: The Coconino National Forest has instituted a [Forest Closure Order](#) for the area affected by the Tunnel Fire.

U.S. Highway 89 is closed from near milepost 425 (Campbell Road intersection) to 445. Officials are assessing conditions daily and the reopening of the highway is dependent on fire activity. Please contact [AZ 511](#) for the most up-to-date status of U.S. Highway 89.

ADDITIONAL FIRE INFORMATION:

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8068/>
Facebook: [U.S. Forest Service - Coconino National Forest](#)
Twitter: twitter.com/CoconinoNF