



Crooks Fire Incident Update Date: 04/24/2022



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

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



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Crooks Fire Daily Update April 24, 2022

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

Start Date: April 18, 2022

Size: Approximately 3,091 acres, 15% Containment

Cause: Under Investigation

Vegetation: Brush, Ponderosa Pine, and Mixed Conifer

Number of Personnel Assigned: 615

Yesterday, drier fuels with lower humidity led to increased fire activity on the southwest flank, creating a large smoke plume visible from Prescott and the surrounding communities. Helicopters and air tankers dropped water and retardant which assisted firefighters in slowing fire growth on the southwest side near Ash Creek drainage. The fire was moderately active, burning surface fuels in the vicinity of Yankee Doodle Peak. Firefighters continued to mop up (making sure the fire is out by dousing hot spots with water) from Mt. Union around the northeast edge of the fire to Moscow Peak.

Today's priorities will be to continue to establish control lines in the southwest section of the fire on Ash Creek Ridge. Aircraft will be active again in this part of the fire to assist in slowing the fire's spread to the west. The northern and eastern flanks will remain in patrol status as crews will continue to mop up and strengthen the line up to Mt. Union.

There will be a community meeting today, April 24th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at Embry Riddle University in "The Hanger", 3700 Willow Creek Dr., Prescott, Arizona. The meeting will be live-streamed to the Prescott National Forest Facebook page. If you are unable to attend, the recording will be available to view afterward, visit:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzbIoBB-yAclQQ_Hz0hBMQQ or <https://www.facebook.com/PrescottNF>.

Resources Assigned: 6 - Type 1 Hotshot crews, 4 - Type 2 Hand crews, 29 - Engines, 11 - Helicopters, Miscellaneous Equipment, and Overhead.

WEATHER: Dry conditions will persist over the fire, with afternoon humidity dipping below 20%. Winds will be out of the north and northwest with gusts up to 15 mph. The warming and drying trend will continue today through Monday. The north winds will switch to light southeasterly winds, with the humidity possibly only reaching the single digits.

SMOKE INFORMATION: Arizona Smoke Forecasting system information can be located at

<https://azdeq.gov/wildfireforecast?fire=crooksfire>

EVACUATIONS: There is no change to the evacuation status. Information about the 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)