



# Crooks Fire Incident Update Date: 04/26/2022



<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 26, 2022

**Location:** 11 nautical miles south of Prescott-Bradshaw Ranger District (T12N, R2W, SEC 1), near Mt Union.

**Start Date:** April 18, 2022

**Size:** Approximately 6454 acres, 16% Containment

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Vegetation:** Timber (Litter and Understory), Grass-Shrub

**Number of Personnel Assigned:** 746

Yesterday during the afternoon, terrain driven winds pushed the fire further south and west, resulting in increased fire growth and acreage. Upper-level winds caused the smoke influence in the Prescott area. Due to increased fire activity containment fell from 22 % to 16 %. Crews continued direct line construction south of Lookout Mountain towards Ash Creek and from Moscow Peak west to Senator highway. Firefighters strengthened and improved the northern and eastern flanks of the fire,

Today, crews will attempt to construct direct and indirect control lines to protect Lookout Mountain structures. Multiple aircraft will be overhead assisting ground crews aggressively attacking any fires encroaching the FSR 81. Additionally, crews are building contingency lines to the west of the fire in case conditions cause a change in direction. Operational objectives include:

- Keeping the fire south of Prescott Basin
- Holding the fire west of Big Bug Mesa Road and FSR 83
- Keeping the fire north of FSR 82
- Containing fire east of FSR 97B

**Resources Assigned:** 6 - Type 1 Hotshot crews, 5 - Type 2 Hand crews, 40- Engines, 8 - Helicopters, Miscellaneous Equipment, and Overhead.

**WEATHER:** Dry conditions over the fire show afternoon humidity dropping into the single digits, otherwise sunny skies. Continued poor humidity recovery will increase fire behavior, with winds out of the south gusting up to 30 mph.

**SMOKE INFORMATION:** Residents should be aware of increasing smoke conditions do to winds out of the south. Residents can monitor conditions via Arizona Smoke Forecasting system located at <https://azdeq.gov/wildfireforecast?fire=crooksfire>

**EVACUATIONS:** Yavapai County Sheriff's Department announced evacuations were lifted for some portions of North Walker Road. Residents should visit the Yavapai County Sheriff's Department Facebook page to determine if they are eligible to return home. <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)