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Lost Lake Fire Update

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Parker, AZ – The Lost Lake Fire started May 26th on the Colorado River Indian Reservation 14 miles southwest of Parker, AZ. The 5,465 acre-fire is now burning along both sides the Colorado River in California and Arizona.

The fire is most active along the Colorado River basin on both sides of the river. Firefighters are working to stop the fire’s northern progression by using six large helicopters that are supporting firefighters on the ground who are using heavy equipment, a fire boat, and engines to contain the fire’s spread.

Evacuations: 15 homes along 15th avenue, AZ are evacuated. For residents needing assistance, Red Cross has an evacuation center at the Parker Senior Center. The evacuation order for Lost Lake Resort was lifted and residents were allowed to return to their homes the evening of May 28th.

Management Objective: Key incident objectives include keeping the fire inside the river basin, away from communities areas, specifically north of Agnes Wilson Road, safely protecting structures along 15th avenue, and restoring power to the residential community of Hidden Valley Resort. Firefighters are coordinating with resource advisors to identify and protect cultural, archeological, and other sensitive sites while they work to contain the fire.

Operational Update: BIA Colorado River Electrical Services restored power to Lost Lake Resort May 28th and are in the process of restoring power to Hidden Valley. The company estimates having this complete by Tuesday or Wednesday.

A wind event May 28th pushed the fire across the Colorado River into Arizona and forced firefighters to evacuate 15 homes along 15th avenue, north of Agnes Wilson Road. In total, there was 565 acres of new growth, which decreased the overall containment 10%. The fire is now 5,465 acres and 34% contained. There were no structures damaged and residents are expected to return to their homes by the end of today if conditions allow.

A fire boat will support firefighters with providing water crews extinguish thick brush and salt cedar that grows within the river basin. Firefighters are patrolling the southern flanks of the fire area to ensure there is no remaining heat.

Safety: The health and safety of firefighters and the public are always our first priority. Please stay away from the Lost Lake Fire area to allow fire personnel to safely work. Drive slowly along roadways where fire traffic is working, and do not stop.

Weather: Weather is anticipated to be cooler with calmer winds than Saturday, though winds may reach 25mph at times.

Primary and Cooperating Agencies: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Colorado River Indian Tribe, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Riverside County Fire and other cooperating entities.

A fire update will be released when significant activity occurs. Visit InciWeb for the most current fire information.

Quick Facts Lost Lake Fire	
Size:	5,465 acres
Containment:	34%
Road Closures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15th av. north of Agnes Wilson Rd. 	
Evacuations:	15 homes along 15 th av.
Resources on the Fires:	6 helicopters, engines, dozers
Total Personnel:	150
Jurisdiction:	BIA, Colorado River Agency
IMT3 Incident Commander:	Ryan Barela
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