



## Bureau of Indian Affairs, Colorado River Agency

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# Lost Lake Fire Update

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**Parker, AZ** – The Lost Lake Fire started May 26<sup>th</sup> on the Colorado River Indian Reservation 14 miles southwest of Parker, AZ. The fire burned along both sides the Colorado River in California and Arizona and is now mostly smoldering along the Colorado River basin where vegetation is thickest.

While the fire’s progression has stopped, 127 acres of additional growth occurred yesterday as a result of more accurate mapping.

**Management Objective:** Key management objectives have been met, allowing a transfer of command back to the Colorado River Agency Wednesday evening. In preparation for this transition, the Incident Management Team is releasing unnecessary resources. The remaining fire resources will finish containing the fire while keeping it inside the Colorado River basin, away from communities areas, specifically north of Agnes Wilson Road. When containment is reached, dozer lines will be repaired to reduce erosion and long-term impacts to the landscape.

**Operational Update:** A pocket of unburned vegetation was detected Monday afternoon that may have presented challenges to the containment line near Lost Lake Resort, CA. Firefighters assessed the surrounding area, constructed a dozer line to contain it and allowed the pocket of vegetation to burn itself out.

A machine pile created to protect the entrance to Lost Lake Resort, CA will be opened and spread apart today as part of repair work taking place in the area. The machine pile holds heat, which firefighters will extinguish today. Other large machine piles that are within the fire’s interior are burning down. Firefighters are looking for and extinguishing hot spots along the fire area.

For the 50% of the fire area that is now contained, firefighters are patrolling to ensure all pockets of heat are out.

**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 remaining fire personnel to safely work. Additional fire traffic will be on the roadways as they are released to other fires. Please drive cautiously to ensure the safety of all drivers.

**Weather:** Sunny with highs in the mid-to-upper 90’s. In the afternoon, wind will be southwest up to 12 mph.

**Evacuations:** NONE. There were no structures damaged or destroyed throughout the duration of the wildfire.

**Primary and Cooperating Agencies:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Colorado River Indian Tribes, 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:	5,856 acres
Containment:	50%
Road Closures • NONE	
Evacuations:	NONE
Resources on the Fires:	2 hand crews, 8 engines, 5 helicopters, dozers
Total Personnel:	123
Jurisdiction:	BIA, Colorado River Agency
IMT3 Incident Commander:	Ryan Barela
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