



CONTRERAS FIRE

June 24, 2022

9:00 a.m.

SUMMARY: The Contreras Fire started June 11 on a remote ridge of the Baboquivari Mountain range, north of the Baboquivari Peak, 20 miles east of Sells, Arizona, on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation.

TODAY:

This is the final daily update for the Contreras Fire. The Fire received up to two inches of rain yesterday, helping crews bring containment of the fire to 100%. Accelerated demobilization of resources is in progress.

A local Bureau of Indian Affairs Type 4 Incident Management Team will assume command on Saturday, June 25, with resources sufficient to perform any mop up and suppression repair activities. A National Burned Area Emergency Response Team is in the area conducting assessments. They will provide recommendations for both short- and long-term repair and/or recovery efforts if any are necessary.

Kitt Peak National Observatory continues to be in evacuation status, but electrical crews and maintenance workers have been allowed into the area to address infrastructure needs.

The Monsoon is firmly in place across the Desert Southwest. Another round of scattered showers and thunderstorms is expected Friday afternoon and through the weekend, bringing a continued threat for flash flooding.

Flash flooding from intense rainfall has potential to impact roads and loosen rocks on steep slopes in burned areas. Debris flow from these areas can cause dangerous conditions. Residents and drivers are encouraged to remain vigilant and watch for rapidly changing conditions. Wind gusts up to 45 mph and blowing dust could also create hazardous conditions.

The Eastern Area Incident Management Team, under the leadership of Incident Commander Brian Pisarek, wishes to express its gratitude to all cooperators, stakeholders, partners, local units, businesses and the communities of Three Points and Robles Junction for their collaboration and partnerships. A special thanks is extended to all initial attack crews, and to the Southeast Zone Type 3 Incident Management Team, who initially took command of the fire on June 14, and helped prepare the way for future full containment of the Contreras Fire.

Beginning Saturday, June 25, requests for information on the Contreras Fire may be directed to Bureau of Indian Affairs Public Affairs Officer Robyn Broyles at Robyn.Broyles@BIA.gov or 208-559-1187.

INCIDENT STATISTICS

- Fire start date: June 11, 2022
- Cause: Lightning
- Size: 29,482 acres
- Containment: 100%
- Total Personnel: 254
- Jurisdiction: BIA, Papago Agency

RESOURCES

Crews: 1
Engines: 4
Water Tenders: 1

Evacuations: Kitt Peak Observatory remains evacuated.

Road Closures: Kitt Peak Road (State Route 386) remains closed to the public.

INCIDENT INFORMATION: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8154>

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