



Pass Fire

Gila National Forest

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Pass Fire Daily Update June 13, 2023

Information Phone: 575 297-0790 Hours: 8 am-8pm

Email: 2023.Pass@Firenet.gov

Acres: 49,835

Location: 40 miles west of Winston, NM

Containment: 13%

Personnel: 54

Start Date: May 18, 2023

Cause: Lightning

Fuels: Timber, pinon/juniper and grass

The Pass fire has moved slowly through 81 additional acres according to the latest fly over with infrared optics. It is still burning at a low to moderate intensity, producing minimal smoke with isolated torching in the interior. Most of the active fire is located between House Log Canyon and Windfall Canyon. Fire has burned down to the flowing edge of Indian Creek on the western flank of the fire. Firefighters are working in the area, monitoring fire activity and collecting fuel samples to keep informed of current fuel moistures and assist with forecasting future fire behavior.

Managing the Pass fire under a confine-contain approach can help firefighters fight any future fires that may be in this area, because the removal of accumulated surface fuels through low to moderate intensity burning, reduces the likelihood of future severe fire behavior.

Firefighters are monitoring and patrolling from the air and ground ensuring the Pass fire stays within the pre-determined planning area. As temperatures warm and conditions become drier, fire activity and smoke will increase. Visitors are reminded to use extreme caution when traveling near the fire area.

Weather: Sunny, with a high near 74. West southwest wind 25-35 mph by afternoon. Elevated fire danger between now and Wednesday.

Aviation Restrictions: A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is still in place over the Pass Fire. All non-fire aircraft are restricted. **This includes civilian drones.** Unauthorized aircraft in the area will ground firefighting aircraft, hindering firefighting efforts.

Closures: The Gila National Forest remains open. Visitors are encouraged to use extreme caution when traveling near the fire area, due to the presence of firefighters and equipment.

For More Information:

- **Inciweb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/nmgnf-pass-fire> Inciweb is the official site for fire information. This site is secure and updated daily.
- **New Mexico Fire Information:** <https://nmfireinfo.com/>
- **Air Quality:** <https://www.airnow.gov>