



# Pass Fire

## Gila National Forest

Incident Commander – Manny Martinez



### Pass Fire Daily Update June 11, 2023

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

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**Acres:** 49,115

**Location:** 40 miles west of Winston, NM

**Containment:** 13%

**Personnel:** 54

**Start Date:** May 18, 2023

**Cause:** Lightning

**Fuels:** Timber, pinon/juniper and grass

An infrared flight mapped the fire at 49,115 yesterday and found scattered heat throughout the interior of the fire. Smaller areas of intense heat were showing along Indian Creek where the fire is gradually working its way along the canyon burning in pine stringers and ground fuels. Some isolated single torching of pines was visible in the interior of the fire. The Pass fire is still burning within the established boundaries.

Today, southwest winds will increase to 20-30 mph, pushing the fire back into itself. As conditions become hotter, grasses and vegetation will become drier, making them more receptive to fire.

Firefighters are monitoring and patrolling from the air and ground ensuring the Pass fire stays within the planned area.

**Weather:** Today will be sunny, hotter, and drier with temperatures becoming as high as 80 degrees and winds will be out of the south and southwest at 20-30 mph. Smoke will increase and may settle in the valleys by early morning, however, should lift by mid-morning.

**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/nmgf-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>