



Forest Service News Release

Prescott National Forest Fire Information

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Firefighters Respond to Lightning Caused Wildfire on Mingus Mountain

Grapevine Fire Update - July 22, 2023

Location: Mingus Mountain, Verde Ranger District (T14N, R2E, SEC 4), Approximately 10 miles east of Prescott Valley; 2 miles south of Mingus Spring Ranch

Start Date: July 21, 2023

Size: 20-30 acres

SUMMARY: At approximately 4:00 PM on Friday, July 21, 2023, resources from Prescott National Forest responded to a smoke report on the south side of Mingus Mountain, on the Verde Ranger District. Upon arrival the Grapevine Fire was estimated to be 2 acres. Due to the time-of-day and monsoon activity, firefighters monitored the fire into the evening. Today firefighters returned and started scouting for containment features and initiated minimal suppression tactics on the fire. The fire is exhibiting low to moderate fire behavior as it moves slowly across the forest floor consuming dead and down fuel. There are no values at risk or threatened infrastructure at this time.

Smoke may be visible from multiple locations including Prescott Valley, Dewey, Prescott and along Highway 169.

RESOURCES ASSIGNED: Prescott and Mormon Lake Hot Shots, 2 Engines, and Miscellaneous Overhead.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS: The entire Prescott National Forest is under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions which prohibits building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, including charcoal and briquettes, outside a structure that is provided by the Forest Service within designated areas for portions of the forest. Under these restrictions, discharging a firearm, air rifle or gas gun, except for persons engaged in legal hunting activities, is prohibited on the Prescott National Forest. Fireworks and the use of exploding targets are always prohibited year-round on national forests.

Recreationists on Mingus Mountain should avoid camping and hiking near the fire and utilize caution while driving the roads as firefighters will be traveling to and from the fire. For the safety of firefighters and the public, the forest will be implementing a fire area closure tomorrow.

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