Region 3, Prescott National Forest

## **Forest Service News Release**

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## Grapevine Fire Update - July 23, 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: 140 Acres Cause: Lightning

**Resources:** 2 Type-1 Crews, 2 Engines, additional support personnel.

Fire behavior: Low/Moderate fire behavior.

Types of vegetation in the area (aka fuels): Grass, brush, and timber understory.

**Update:** Afternoon thunderstorms moved over the Grapevine Fire yesterday where outflows winds increased the fire size to 140 acres. Each fire receives a strategic, risk-based management strategy. Due to terrain and access; firefighters continue to scout the area for containment features and identify hazards as they begin to safely suppress the fire. There are no values at risk or threatened infrastructure at this time.

Ryan Barela's Arizona Central West Zone Type 3 Incident Management will assume command of the Grapevine Fire on Monday, July 24, 2023.

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

**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.

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