



Forest Service News Release

Prescott National Forest Fire Information

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Racetrack Fire Update - July 24, 2023

Location: North of Highway 169, south of Crater Mountain

Start Date: July 23, 2023

Size: 405 acres

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 1 Type-1 Crew, 2 Type-2 Crews, 3 Engines, additional support personnel.

Fire behavior: Moderate fire behavior.

Types of vegetation in the area (aka fuels): Grass, Brush

SUMMARY: Yesterday afternoon as outflow winds increased firefighters worked to slow the progression of the Racetrack fire as it moved towards the community of Cherry. Fire activity has been moderate today as it moves to the east. Monsoonal weather is expected to continue today as firefighters identify options ahead of the main fire, looking at roads and other natural features to limit fires spread with the use of containment lines.

Smoke may be visible from multiple locations including Dewey, Mayer, and Prescott Valley.

Evacuations – Please follow Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office Facebook page for current evacuation information at: <https://www.facebook.com/YavapaiCountySheriff>

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.

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