



# FACT SHEET – PILOT FIRE

**Today's Date:** 07/10/2023

**Start Date:** 07/01/2023 **Location:** 20 mi. E. Wikieup on the O RO Ranch within the Mohon Mountains, Yavapai County

**Cause:** Human-caused, unknown at this time

**Acres:** 33,834

**Containment:** 5%

**Evacuations:** None **Structures Damaged:** 0 **Destroyed:** 0

**Summary:** The fire grew more than 1,500 acres today as activity increased on the eastern flank after the fire made a run up into SH Hill. This morning the fire started backing down Ledge Canyon east to south, then made its way up into SH Hill driven by the wind, terrain, and grass loading. Aircraft was ordered to slow the fire's progression and hold it in its place within rocky terrain. Out of safety concerns, crews cannot engage on that side until the fire comes out of that rugged terrain and into flatter ground. Aircraft will continue to be used as needed on that side. Today, crews completed containment line on the northeast side of the fire from Trout Creek toward the northern end of Ledge Canyon. Fire operations report those lines are holding well and are currently being mopped up and monitored. The southwest side of the fire is still hung up in Adobe Creek. Resources are trying to keep the fire out of Francis Creek and are tying containment line in to an existing two-track road. Along the west side, containment lines are stabilized and holding in the winds. Fire activity continues to stay steady along the eastern and southwestern flanks. Overall, the heat within the fire's interior is decreasing. Hotshot crews, hand crews, engines, aircraft, medic teams, and logistical personnel are supporting the incident. In areas that are unsafe to send in crews, satellite-based mapping and the Department of Forestry and Fire Management's UAS platform are being used to monitor for heat and a potential increase in activity.

**Resources and Personnel Assigned:** 162

**Type 1 Hand Crew (HC):** 2, **Type 2-IA HC:** 2, **Type 2 (HC):** 1, **Type 3 Helo:** 1, **Engines:** 6, **Single Engine Air Tankers:** 2

**Weather:** Hot and dry conditions with breezy southwest winds.

**Incident Information:**

**Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Smoke Forecast:**

<https://www.azdeq.gov/wildfiresmokeforecast?fire=pilotfire>

**InciWeb:** <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/aza5s-pilot-fire>

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