



WHITE MOUNTAIN ZONE Incident Management Team Ben Plumb – Incident Commander

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Flying V Fire

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Location of Origin: Highway 60 at mm 300

Start Date: July 5, 2023 **Size:** 831 acres

Cause: Undetermined **Percent Contained:** 52

Personnel: 252 **Fuels:** Pinyon-Juniper, Grass

Resources Assigned: 9 crews, 5 engines, 2 water tenders, 2 helicopters, 2 Dozers

Operations: The fire is creeping through unburned interior pockets of grass and brush, and it is expected to stay within the established perimeter which has not grown in recent days.

Closures:

- Traffic lanes on highway 60 will be open between 9:00 pm – 6:00 am. Traffic on highway 60 between 6:00 am – 9:00 pm will be reduced to one lane with a pilot car escort. The public is advised to allow for traffic delays during this time. This conditional reopening plan may be rescinded if fire activity increases in the area.
- The White Mountain Apache Tribe issued an [executive order](#) on July 7, 2023. There are no campfires allowed at the lakes, streams, or even in the community, and no yard burning. Wood cutting must be done before 10:00 a.m., and there is no wood cutting in the closure area.

Weather: Today's forecast is calling for scattered rain showers and isolated thunderstorms, but very little rainfall is expected. Temperatures are expected to be in the 90s with winds 5 to 10 mph.

Values at risk: Emory Oak grove in the area of Flying V, tribal sensitive species in surrounding areas, cattle and grazing areas, watershed and riparian areas, woodland areas, the Salt River recreation areas, the Highway 60 transportation corridor, communications towers on Brewer Hill, Cibecue Ridge, and north of Salt River Canyon.

Safety: Wildfire smoke may impact Cibecue, White River, Carrizo, Cedar Creek, and the White Mountain communities. The public is encouraged to take precautionary measures.

Official fire information can be found on these sites:

- Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/azwat-flying-v-fire>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BIAFAAFireMgt>
- ADEQ Air Quality Information: <https://azdeq.gov/node/7077>
- ADOT: <https://www.az511.com/>
- Executive Order: [Stage 2 Fire Restrictions and Forest Closures](#)