



WHITE MOUNTAIN ZONE Incident Management Team Ben Plumb – Incident Commander

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Flying V Fire

Friday, July 7, 2023

Location of Origin: Highway 60 at mm 300

Start Date: July 5, 2023 **Size:** 830 acres

Cause: Undetermined **Percent Contained:** 0

Personnel: 114 **Fuels:** Pinyon-Juniper, Grass

Resources Assigned: 6 crews, 5 engines, 1 water tender, 1 type 3 helicopter, 1 Dozer

The Flying V fire started on July 5 in the early afternoon and the cause is undetermined. Due to the fire's growth and increasing complexity, the White Mountain Zone Type 3 Incident Management Team assumed command at 6:00pm on July 6, 2023. A full suppression strategy will be deployed to minimize impacts to highway 60 and protect tribal resources.

Operations: The Flying V fire is burning in rugged terrain and all suppression strategies will prioritize firefighter and public safety. The fire was located west of highway 60 until winds picked up yesterday afternoon and ignited a spot fire on the east side of the highway. Aviation resources will be utilized to minimize growth in critical areas of the fire, and additional firefighting resources are currently responding. There are no threats to structures or infrastructure at this time.

Closures: A temporary emergency [closure](#) was implemented along highway 60, between mile posts 256-311, to provide for public and firefighter safety during fire suppression activities. There is no estimated time to reopen the highway.

Weather: Today's forecast is calling for a high of 95 degrees with winds up to 20mph.

Values at risk: Fire fighter and public safety, and protection of highway 60 are the highest priorities for the incident management team. The Flying V fire area includes important lands to the White Mountain Apache people. Firefighters are working to protect watersheds, riparian areas, rangelands, and heritage sites.

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/>