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STOCKTON HILL FIRE ACTIVE OVERNIGHT AND THROUGHOUT THE DAY WEDNESDAY

Kingman, AZ (7/5/23) – Hand crews assigned to the Stockton Fire conducted successful firing operations overnight, and despite very active fire behavior, were able to burn out around the southern and eastern flanks helping to slow the fire's growth on those sides. On the southwest side of the fire, retardant lines are looking good and holding, but crews are working to strengthen those lines ahead of tomorrow's Red Flag Warning. The fire remains active on the northwest side and is burning within steep, rugged terrain within the Cerbat Mountains. Heavy aircraft, including Very Large Air Tankers, Large Air Tankers and Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs) have been working in conjunction with a hotshot crew on that flank of the fire most of the day. There has been some spotting reported on that side but those spot fires were quickly extinguished. Additionally, some resources are also assigned to structure protection and working in advance of the fire.

This afternoon the fire was mapped at 650 acres. Low relative humidity is also contributing to the fire's continued high activity and spread. The fire is burning through grass and brush and moving to the northwest toward the Shadow Canyon-area. That community is currently in SET per the Mohave County Sheriff's Office. If and when the fire hits a predetermined evacuation trigger point, those residents will be placed in GO status. Red Wing Canyon was placed in GO last night and that community remains evacuated. A Red Flag Warning is in effect for much of northern Arizona, including Mohave County starting Thursday, July 6, at 11am through Friday, July 7, at 8pm. High winds, low relative humidities and wind gusts up to 40 miles per hour are forecasted.

Approximately 240 personnel are assigned to the incident, including Department of Forestry and Fire Management hand crews and engines, Hotshot Crews, Bureau of Land Management resources, along with local cooperators engines and water tenders. Aircraft is also assigned to the fire and will be used when necessary.

This incident can be found on InciWeb and information will be update daily or as needed during the duration of the incident: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/aza5s-stockton-hill>

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