

Arizona Central West Zone Type Three Incident Management Team Incident Commander – Ryan Barela

Grapevine Fire August 2, 2023 – Daily Update

Fire Closure Terminated Heavy Equipment Remains Working

Location: Mingus Mountain, Verde Ranger District (T14N, R2E, SEC 4), Approximately 10 miles east of Prescott

Valley; 2 miles south of Mingus Spring Ranch

Start Date: July 21, 2023 Size: Approximately 1049 acres Percent Contained: 19%

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Brush, Timber and Short Grass

Resources: 1 Type 1 Crew, 3 Type 2 Crews, 4 Engines, 1 Helicopters and additional support personnel

Number of Personnel Assigned: 221

Update: Monsoon storms yesterday required fire crews to take protective actions to stay safe by disengaging from suppression activities. Priority is being placed to complete needed action to turn the fire over to the Prescott National Forest. Fire Crews are continuing the process of constructing control lines and suppression repair around the fire area. These actions include mitigation of infrastructure, roads, bar ditches and any damage to the surrounding areas effected by fire suppression activities.

Fire Closure Terminated: At 5:00 pm today, Wednesday August 2, 2023, the closure along FR104 and FR413 will be terminated. The roads will be open to the public while heavy equipment remains working through the weekend. The public is reminded to use extreme caution while driving in the area. Safety personnel will be on site to protect the fire crews as well as the public.

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.

For current evacuation information contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office at 928-771-3260 or follow them at https://www.facebook.com/YavapaiCountySheriff.

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