

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

Grapevine Fire August 4, 2023 – Daily Update

Prescott National Forest Will Take Command of Fire from Central West Zone Incident Management Team

"Last Grapevine Fire Update Unless Significant Changes in Fire Activity Occur"

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:** 51%

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Brush, Timber and Short Grass

Resources: 1 Type 1 Crew, 3 Engines, and additional support personnel

Number of Personnel Assigned: 120

Update: The Prescott National Forest (PNF) is taking command of the Grapevine fire as of 7:00 am, Friday August 4, 2023, from the Central West Zone Type 3 Incident Management Team (CWZT3). The CWZT3 provided command for the resources deployed from all around the state for 13 days while coordinating with county, city and various other agencies including volunteers. The CWZT3 met all objectives the PNF outlined to provide safety to fire personnel and the public while suppressing the Grapevine Fire. The PNF will continue protecting property and conducting assessments to make repairs to signs, fences, roads and any areas damaged by fire suppression efforts.

Safety: Masticators (heavy equipment) and fire crews will remain in the fire area working along the FR132 and FR9002W north of Whitehorse. All lines have been completed on the east side of the fire meeting the objectives set early in the fire response. Fire fighters will continue to patrol and monitor the fire area for the next few weeks, so we are asking the public to be very careful while in the area watching out for fire personnel and equipment.

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.

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