

Black River Complex

Daily Update: August 6, 2023

The Corduroy, Boundary, and Willow fires have increased in complexity and transitioned from a Type 4 Team to the White Mountain Zone Type 3 Team at 0600 on Sunday, August 6, 2023.

CORDUROY FIRE

Start Date: July 12, 2023, Location: 20 Miles SW Alpine, Percent Contained: 10, Size: 479 acres, Cause: Lightning, Vegetation: Timber (Litter and Understory) Medium Logging Slash, Personnel Assigned: 34, Resources Assigned: 1 Engine, 2 Crews, 1 Dozer, 1 Water tender.

Operations: The fire has backed down into double Cienega Creek to the West and is at the northern tip of the 8312 road. Activity is primarily on the ground as the fire consumes heavy fuels.

BOUNDARY FIRE

Start Date: July 27, 2023, Location: 30 Miles SW of Alpine, Percent Contained: 0, Size: 310 acres, Cause: Lightning, Vegetation: Timber (Litter and Understory) Brush (2 feet), Personnel Assigned: 72, Resources Assigned: 2 Crews, 2 Helicopters.

Operations: The fire continues to move to the east and south. The priority is to keep the fire East of the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation boundary, south of 25/26 road, north of highland trail, and west of Shell Canyon.

WILLOW FIRE

Start Date: July 27, 2023, Location: 12 Miles SW of Alpine, Percent Contained: 0, Size: 260 acres, Cause: Lightning, Vegetation: Timber (Grass and Understory) Medium Logging Slash, Personnel Assigned: 7, Resources Assigned: 2 Engines, 1 Dozer.

Operations: Firefighters continue to work to keep the fire west of highway 191, south of 573, east of Willow creek and north of the 564 road.

Closures: To provide for public and firefighter safety, highway 191 is temporarily <u>closed</u> in both directions from mileposts 233 to 238. There is no estimated time to reopen the highway.

Weather: Today's forecast calls for clear skies, a high of 81 degrees and winds 10-20 mph.

Values at risk: Sensitive species in surrounding areas, cattle and grazing areas, watersheds, riparian areas, impacts to Highway 191, Hannagan Lodge, and nearby electric powerlines.

Restrictions: The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests are in Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. For details please visit https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts//alerts-notices/?aid=81123.

Smoke: Go to https://fire.airnow.gov/ to see the latest smoke conditions in your community. Smoke may be visible from Hwy 191, especially at night.

Official fire information:

- Inciweb: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/
- Incident Email and Phone: 2023.corduroy@firenet.gov, 928-245-1585
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/apachesitgreavesnfs
- Apache-Sitgreaves website: https://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf