



Black River Complex

Daily Update: August 8, 2023

CORDUROY FIRE

Start Date: July 12, 2023, **Location:** 20 Miles SW Alpine, **Percent Contained:** 10, **Size:** 1,027 acres, **Cause:** Lightning, **Vegetation:** Timber (Litter and Understory) Medium Logging Slash, **Resources Assigned:** 7 Engines, 3 Crews, 1 Dozer, 3 Water tenders.

Operations: Fire crews will look to complete structure protection at Hannagan Lodge today and will continue to improve and secure control lines near the 24 road today.

BOUNDARY FIRE

Start Date: July 27, 2023, **Location:** 30 Miles SW of Alpine, **Percent Contained:** 0, **Size:** 879 acres, **Cause:** Lightning, **Vegetation:** Timber (Litter and Understory) Brush (2 feet), **Resources Assigned:** 2 Crews, 3 Engines, 2 Water tenders.

Operations: Firefighters will work to tie fire into road systems today on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation along the western flanks.

WILLOW FIRE

Start Date: July 27, 2023, **Location:** 12 Miles SW of Alpine, **Percent Contained:** 0, **Size:** 401 acres, **Cause:** Lightning, **Vegetation:** Timber (Grass and Understory) Medium Logging Slash, **Resources Assigned:** 4 Crews, 6 Engines, 3 Dozers, 1 Water tender.

Operations: Fire is progressing southward into the Horton fire footprint. Crews will continue to prep highway 191 and work to mitigate any threats. Navopache electric lines are expected to be reenergized and power restored today.

Closures: To provide for public and firefighter safety, highway 191 is temporarily [closed](#) in both directions from mileposts 233 to 238. There is no estimated time to reopen the highway.

Weather: Today's forecast calls for thunderstorms in the afternoon with a 30-60% chance of precipitation, highs in the low 70s, and winds 10-15 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-information/azasf-black-river-complex>
- Incident Email and Phone: 2023.blackrivercomplex@firenet.gov, 928-245-1585
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/apachesitgreavesnfs>
- Apache-Sitgreaves website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf>