



Black River Complex

Daily Update: August 9, 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:** 3 Engines, 3 Crews, 1 Dozer, 3 Water tenders.

Operations: The Corduroy fire received rain yesterday and the perimeter is becoming more secure. Firefighters will monitor and patrol today to look for any threats to control lines and will work to complete structure protection preparations at Hannagan Lodge.

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, 4 Engines, 2 Water tenders.

Operations: Fire crews are working to connect fire to existing road systems on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation. The fire received rain yesterday and movement is minimal with some creeping and backing where fuels are receptive.

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: The prep work on highway 191 has been completed and a handline on the southern flank is expected to be completed today. The Willow fire received rain yesterday and crews will assess today, and patrol and monitor for heat sources that may remain.

Closures: To provide for public and firefighter safety, highway 191 is [closed](#) in both directions from mileposts 231.3 to 239.7. Highway 191 will temporarily reopen to traffic at 8:00pm tonight until 6:00am tomorrow morning.

Weather: Today's forecast calls for thunderstorms, a 70% chance of precipitation this afternoon, a high of 69 degrees, and winds up to 18 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.aimow.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>