



**Arizona Central West Zone  
Type Three Incident Management Team  
Incident Commander – Benji Stewart**

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**Refuge Fire  
May 26, 2024– Daily Update**

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**Central West Zone Type 3 Team (CWZT3) Managing Fire as of 6 p.m. Today**

- Location: Imperial National Wildlife Refuge, north of Martinez Lake, Yuma AZ
- Start Date: May 25, 2024
- Size: Approximately 1,226 Acres
- Percent Contained: 20%
- Cause: Human Caused, Under Investigation
- Vegetation: Salt Cedar and riparian vegetation
- Resources: 3 Crews, 7 Engines, 1 Dozer, 2 Helicopters and additional support personnel
- Number of Personnel Assigned: 130

**Update:** The CWZT3 Team is assuming command of the Refuge Fire as of 6 p.m. today. Local fire resources have been fighting the fire since yesterday and have stopped the forward progression to the north and south. The fire continues to burn to the east. Fire crews are concentrating on minimal threats to properties and communities that are in the fire's path. As of today little to no serious risks are being assessed to the following areas: Welton-Mohawk-Electric Power Transmission lines, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)/Multi Species Conservation Program (MSCP) monitoring and pumping infrastructure, BOR Martinez Lake water gaging station, water and control infrastructure such as culverts and piping, Marine Corps Recreation Center, Private property Red Cloud Mine and Fisher's Landing Marina and Community. Fire crews will continue to focus on these areas. Additional fire resources will be added as needed to suppress the fire to protect these values at risk.

**Community Response:** Firefighter and public safety are the first priority while fighting this fire. The public is encouraged to stay out of the areas where firefighters are conducting fire suppression activities.

**Smoke:** Limited smoke will be visible around the fire and surrounding communities.

**Closures:** Red Cloud Mine Road and Meers Point Recreation Area.

**Fire Restrictions:** No fires are allowed on Fish and Wildlife Service areas. More information about fire management can be found at: <https://www.fws.gov/program/fire-management>.

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