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POWER RESTORED TO PARTS OF KEARNY AS CREWS GET SOME CONTAINMENT ON SIMMONS FIRE

Kearny, AZ (5/30/2024) – It was a successful day for crews on the Simmons Fire as they were able to secure line around sections of the fire and now have it 51% contained. The fire remains at 351 acres. Today's objectives for fire resources included achieving fire control and reducing and mitigating impacts to private property and infrastructure. With those objectives met, fire overhead requested power to be fully restored to north Kearny residents.

This evening, and per the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, residents of the Riverside neighborhood remain on GO – Evacuate status. Residents impacted by the fire can expect those SET and GO statuses to be lifted by tomorrow afternoon and should monitor PCSO's Twitter/X page for updates: <https://x.com/PinalCSO>. Evacuation status updates will also be sent out through the Pinal Emergency Notification System. To sign up for the alerts visit: <https://www.pinal.gov/1335/PENS--Pinal-Emergency-Notification-Syst>.

More than 170 personnel are engaged with full suppression efforts, including a hotshot crew, Type 2 hand crews, engines, water tenders and a dozer. Aircraft remains available, if needed.

The Simmons Fire started Tuesday, May 28, approximately 4.5 miles northwest of Kearny in Pinal County.

Simmons Fire informational updates can be found at: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/aza4s-simmonsfire>. For more information contact: Julie Clark 707-616-8291 or email Julie.clark3@usda.gov or Tiffany Davila at 602-5401036 or email at tdavila@dffm.az.gov.

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