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SET AND GO STATUSES LIFTED FOR RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY WILDFIRE NEAR KEARNY

Kearny, AZ (5/31/2024) – As of Friday, May 31, the Pinal County Sheriff’s Office returns all residents impacted by the Simmons Fire back to Ready status. Due to the hard work of firefighters and significant containment within the last 24 hours, incident management and PCSO determined it was safe to lift the GO and SET statuses to residents within the Riverside and Kearny-areas. All residents may return home at this time. Power to the north end of Kearny was restored Thursday night.

Crews continue to work on the fire boundary today moving toward full suppression by securing the 351-acre perimeter. Last night crews were able to get black line around the fire along the east and southeast sides, one of the priority areas for fire overhead. Crews also have containment line along the west flank. Containment currently sits at 51%. More than 157 personnel are engaged working on interior hot spots at the north end of the fire. Remaining resources include, Type 2 hand crews, engines, water tenders and a dozer. A temporary flight restriction remains in place. The Type 3 Incident Management Team will be transitioning the fire over back to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management tomorrow.

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@dfm.az.gov.

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