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Type 3 team transfers command back to the local forest

This will be the final news release for the Antone Fire

SILVER CITY, NM, June 19, 2024 – Current acreage of the Antone Fire remains at 12,396 acres and is 91 percent completed. There are 35 personnel assigned to the incident and those resources will continue to patrol the perimeter. Observed fire behavior has been minimal, characterized by creeping and smoldering which is why the closure order for the area remains in effect for public safety.

Gila officials urge visitors to exercise extreme caution due to the very high fire danger. Prioritize fire prevention in any activities that could cause a spark such as target shooting and be aware where you park as hot exhaust systems and catalytic converters can ignite dry grass or shrubs. Ensure that all campfires are fully extinguished and dispose of cigarette butts properly. Fire prevention awareness is crucial during this time as fire activity is increasing across the southwest region.

[Closure Order No. 03-06-03-24-001](#) is in effect until rescinded. Review the closure order map, marked [Exhibit A](#). Both documents can be found on the Gila National Forest Alerts and Closures webpage at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/gila/alerts-notice>

Minimal smoke from isolated heat in the interior of the fire may be visible from US Highway 60, NM Highway 12, the Community of Quemado, Quemado Lake Estates, Pie Town, Datil, Horse Springs, Apache Creek, and Reserve. View an interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/>. Learn more about smoke impacts at <https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/fire-smoke-links/>.

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