



WHITE MOUNTAIN ZONE Incident Management Team Ben Plumb – Incident Commander



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Bear Fire

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Location of Origin: 5 miles SW of Cibecue, AZ **Start Date:** June 8, 2024
Size: 447 acres **Percent Contained:** 81%
Cause: Undetermined, Under Investigation **Fuels:** Pinyon-Juniper, Grassland
Resources Assigned: 6 Crews, 1 Dozer, 4 Engines, 1 Helicopter, 3 Water Tenders

Fire activity has moderated, and a large portion of the fire is now contained. Transfer of command from the White Mountain Zone Type 3 Incident Management Team (IMT) to the Type 4 organization will occur at 7 a.m. on June 17, 2024. This will be the final update on the Bear Fire from the White Mountain Zone IMT.

Operations: Firefighters were able to secure lines and add containment on the northern portion of the fire yesterday. Weather is expected to remain hot and dry with no chance of precipitation and firefighters will remain vigilant. Crews will continue to work to extinguish remaining hot spots and further secure containment lines. Fire suppression rehab operations will continue in an effort to repair damages and impacts resulting from firefighting efforts.

Closures: To provide for the safety of the public and firefighters, the G-3 and G-4 roads are closed to the public.

Values at Risk: Emory Oak groves in the area, cultural sites and heritage resources, tribal sensitive species, cattle and grazing, watersheds and riparian areas, woodland areas, the Highway 60 and BIA Route 12 transportation corridors, natural springs, and Cibecue Falls.

Weather: Above normal temperatures are forecast today with a high of 93 degrees and southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Smoke: Wildfire smoke may impact Cibecue, Carrizo, and the White Mountain communities. Go to fire.airnow.gov/ to see the latest smoke conditions in your community. Smoke may be visible from the surrounding communities.

Evacuations: There are no evacuations currently. Residents of Cibecue are in “READY” status. The public is encouraged to prepare and follow the [Ready, Set, Go!](#) program to prepare for any threats to their community. Go to <https://311info.net/> for accurate and timely status updates.

Official fire information can be found on these sites:

- Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/azfta-bear-fire>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BIAFAAFireMgt>