



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



Adams Fire
Saturday, June 8, 2024 – Daily Update

Location: 1 mile east of Fort McDowell, AZ

Start Date: June 2, 2024

Size: Approximately 5,029 acres

Percent Contained: 91%

Cause: Human

Vegetation: The fire is smoldering grass and brush.

Resources: 2 Type-1 Handcrews, 1 Type-2 Handcrew, 2 Helicopters, 12 Engines, and 2 Water Tenders.

Number of Personnel Assigned: 175

Invasive species contribute to fire spread through Sonoran Desert

Highlights: The proliferation of invasive species within the Tonto National Forest has contributed to heightened fire activity. Notably, Stinknet (*Oncosiphon piluliferum*), red brome (*Bromus madritensis*), and buffelgrass (*Cenchrus ciliaris*) have taken root in this ecosystem. Unlike the Sonoran Desert, these plants are well-suited to fire conditions, actively contributing to fuel buildup and displacing native species post-fire. [View this link to learn more about invasive species on the Tonto National Forest.](#) Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in effect for the Tonto, Coconino, and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, as well as other jurisdictions. Fire Restrictions Map for Arizona and New Mexico: <https://wildlandfire.az.gov/fire-restrictions>

Operations: Yesterday, fire crews made further progress on containment on the south side of the fire. Crews also repaired fences and trails that were used for accessing the fire during initial attack. Firefighters will continue strengthening and mopping up control lines around the west side this weekend. Fire crews working on the Adams Fire are prepared to support the Tonto National Forest with any new wildfire starts if necessary.

Weather: There will be a slight cooling trend into the weekend, with highs of 106 degrees tomorrow. Fuel moisture is critically low, and fuels are very receptive to fire. Winds will be light out of the east in the morning, with gusts to 20 mph in the afternoon.

Closures: Closure orders are in effect in the Tonto National Forest surrounding the Adams Fire. View the current closure order and Stage 1 fire restrictions here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notice/?aid=87846>

Safety: The health and safety of firefighters and the public are always the highest priority. Please avoid the area while crews conduct fire suppression operations. Citizens are urged to sign up for the Maricopa County Emergency Notification System. The system allows you to be quickly notified of emergency evacuations. To learn more about the Arizona Emergency Information Network visit: <https://ein.az.gov/ready-set-go>. Firefighting aircraft and drones are a dangerous combination. Drones in the area could lead to accidents or slow down wildfire suppression operations. If you fly...we can't.

Smoke: Smoke from the Adams Fire has decreased; however, it may be visible in the surrounding areas for many days. Smoke will drift to the north and east due to prevailing winds. Individuals who are sensitive to smoke or have conditions aggravated by smoke are encouraged to take precautionary measures. An interactive smoke map at <https://fire.airnow.gov/> allows you to zoom into your area to see the latest smoke conditions.

View wildfire statistics at [Tonto National Forest's fire dashboard](#).

Tonto National Forest: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/tonto/fire>

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