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## SIMMONS FIRE WINDING DOWN AS CONTAINMENT REACHES 85%

**Kearny, AZ (6/1/2024)** – For the second night in a row the Simmons Fire stayed with its footprint with no new growth being reported. The fire is 351 acres and 85% contained.

Today, remaining resources, including a hand crew and engines continue to cold trail the fire's edge checking for any remaining heat along the fire line. Heavy and downed fuels continue to smolder within the fire's interior and engines remain engaged patrolling and monitoring the perimeter for the possibility of lingering heat or smokes. Over the last few days, wildland fire resources have been aggressively working to protect the community of Kearny, critical infrastructure, including gas and utility lines, along with structures within the vicinity of the fire.

On Friday, and in coordination with the Type 3 Incident Management Team, the Pinal County Sheriff's Office lifted the SET and GO statuses to residents impacted by the fire. All residents remain in Ready. As activity continues to increase, Arizonans are urged to sign up for emergency alerts with their county emergency management office. Be ready with a 'go bag' to include, personal items, important papers, prescriptions, water and snacks. In the event of a GO – evacuation, always remember to take your pets.

This morning, the Nevada Type 3 Incident Management Team transitioned management of the fire back to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management as a Type 4 incident. A Type 4 incident is one of a lower complexity.

The fire started Tuesday, May 28, around 5:20 pm, 4.5 miles northwest of Kearny. High winds coupled with dry conditions created extreme fire behavior, pushing the fire through grass and brush to the southeast toward the community of Kearny. Along the northwest side, the fire burned near the Riverside neighborhood and on both sides of the Gila Riverbed. The fire burned onto Bureau of Land Management lands along the east and southeast sides. The fire destroyed four primary structures and damaged five.

Simmons Fire information: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/aza4s-simmons-fire>.

Ready, Set, Go information: <https://ein.az.gov/ready-set-go>

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