



FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

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Start Date: Wednesday, 6/11/2024

Location: 5 mi. SE of Wickenburg

Personnel Assigned: 164

Cause: Under investigation

Acres: 166 – **Containment:** 70%

Rose Fire Update for Friday, June 14, 2024

Wickenburg, AZ – 6/14/2024

Summary: The fire continues to hold within containment lines including through afternoon winds with gusts up to 20 mph. Even with Friday's hot and dry conditions fire behavior stayed low to moderate with heat lingering within the interior of the fire, particularly within the Hassayampa Riverbed.

Today, crews remained engaged with heavy mop up, working along the fire's edge ensuring no heat remains. The process of mopping up requires firefighters to suppress vegetation and remove large material still burning along the fire's edge and extinguishing it down into the mineral soil. Mopping up ensures fire cannot move outside of containment lines into unburned areas of the fire. Four Department of Forestry and Fire Management hand crews along with two Interagency Hotshot crews continue their efforts direct along the fire line. As of today, the fire is 70% contained at 166 acres.

Arizona Public Service restored power today to residents living along the south side of the impacted fire area, near the Hassayampa River. However, fire operations said gas is not expected to be turned on for a few days. Residents who utilize Southwest Gas should contact the gas company for further updates as to when gas can be restored. On Saturday, fire operations will begin demobilizing resources to make them available for any new starts within the area or throughout the state.

The Rose Fire started Wednesday, June 12, 2024, within the Hassayampa Riverbed, along the east side of the US 60, five miles southeast of the town of Wickenburg. Hot, windy and dry conditions fueled the fire as it burned through salt cedar, grass and brush. The fire stayed active throughout the late afternoon, jumped the highway, and started burning along both sides of the 60. The fire spotted along the north flank of the fire, but firefighters were able to catch and contain those spot fires. Numerous firefighting aircraft supported firefighting efforts on the ground Wednesday, including Single Engine Air Tankers, Very Large Air Tankers, and Scoopers.

Maricopa County residents are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts at: <https://www.maricopa.gov/1755/CENS>.

Weather: Hot, dry, and windy conditions.

Incident Information: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/aza4s-rose-fire>

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