



Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team

TEAM 2 – John Truett – Incident Commander



Watch Fire Update: Saturday, July 13, 2024

Acres: 2,162 acres

Cause: Human Caused, Under Investigation

Containment: 0%

Location: 7 Mile District of San Carlos Arizona

Start Date: July 11, 2024

Fuels: Cottonwood, Brush, Understory

Resources: Approximately 300 personnel

The Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team 2 (Team2), led by Incident Commander John Truett, assumed command of the fire at 8:00 this morning. Incident objectives include firefighter and public safety, protecting property, infrastructure, and other values at risk, including timber and watershed while implementing full-suppression tactics.

Operations: Increase in acreage is due to successful 1000 acre burnout operations that secured the fire edges to existing roads on Thursday night. No growth in the fire acreage occurred Friday. Today, firefighter efforts will be concentrated on the edges of the fire, scouting for possible new containment lines and improving existing containment lines. Structure protection crews will be evaluating properties and communities along the edge of the fire area and developing strategies in the event the fire continues moving beyond the containment lines. Structure damage assessment is being done currently with reports forthcoming.

Evacuations: The communities along White Mtn. Ave, Farmer's Station, Peridot Heights, and Old/New Moon base that were under GO evacuation orders have been downgraded to READY status. The remaining community of San Carlos should be ready to evacuate at any notice. Go to the San Carlos Police Department Facebook page and San Carlos Apache Tribe Emergency Response Commission (TERC) Facebook page. Evacuation shelters are located at the San Carlos High School, Apache Gold Casino, and the Michael Noline Peridot Activity Center. Donations are being accepted at the San Carlos High School.

Safety: Expect increased activity in the area and on local roads as firefighters and equipment move to new locations. Please stay out of the fire area to allow crews safe access to the fire. A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place around the fire area. Please do not fly drones anywhere near the fire. If you fly, we can't fly.

Weather: Mostly sunny skies. High of 109, winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph. Slight chance of afternoon showers.

Restrictions/Closures: Peridot Siding Road from Again Bridge to The Church of Jesus Christ, and White Mountain Avenue are closed. Closures are being adjusted based on fire activity for public and firefighter safety.

Smoke: Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautionary measures. Air quality information is available at <https://www.airnow.gov/>

Fire Information: 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. 928-588-4033 – 2024.watch@firenet.gov

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/azsca-watch-fire>

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