



FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

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Start Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024

Location: 5 miles east of Carefree

Personnel Assigned: 168

Evacuation: All residences returned to READY status.

Resources: 3 Handcrews, 11 Engines, 2 Water tenders, and 1 Helicopter

Cause: Human, Under investigation

Acres: 3,711 – **Containment:** 80%

Boulder View Fire Update for Tuesday, July 2, 2024

This will be the final press release about the Boulder View Fire. For more information, follow Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management and Tonto National Forest or view Inciweb at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/aza4s-boulder-view-fire>

Highlights: All evacuations were lifted, and communities returned to READY status as of 5 p.m. Sunday. The Central West Zone Type 3 Incident Management Team has assumed command of the Boulder View Fire that is under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management and the Tonto National Forest. Containment of the fire has increased to 80% with the additional containment along the north and west sides of the fire. The total acreage remained the same at 3,711.

Summary: Today, fire crews will reinforce fire lines and work to extend containment around the perimeter of the fire. They will also address hotspots in the Camp Creek drainage area along the southeast corner of the fire. The thicker vegetation holds the heat longer and makes it harder for firefighters to extinguish the smoldering embers.

In addition, crews will patrol and mop-up the interior of the burned area and continue to extend the containment further around the southeast. Fire crews currently assigned to the Boulder View Fire will be ready to assist the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management and the Tonto National Forest with any new fires as the Fourth of July approaches.

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in effect across the entire Tonto. For more information, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notices/?aid=87844>

Bartlett Dam Road and Horseshoe Dam Road reopened Monday morning. Bartlett and Horseshoe Lake recreation sites are accessible. There is a current closure order for forest roads off Bartlett Dam Road from the Wildcat Fire. Forest Road 20 (Needle Rock Road) and all recreation sites along the Verde River, including Box Bar, Needle Rock Picnic Site and Needle Rock Beach are inaccessible due to fire suppression operations for the Boulder View Fire. To get the most up-to-date information and news about the Tonto, follow them on X @TontoForest and Facebook @TontoNationalForest.

The McDowell Sonoran Preserve reopened trailheads Monday. For more information, visit <https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/preserve>

Weather: The forecast shows southwest winds around 5 mph in the afternoon, high temperatures up to 105 degrees. The evening will be clear with west southwest winds around 5 mph.

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. The public is 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.

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

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