



Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team

TEAM 2 – John Truett – Incident Commander



Buckhorn Fire: 599 acres
Cause: Suspected lightning
Containment: 22%
Location: Malay Gap Area, San Carlos Reservation

Start Date: July 10, 2024
Fuels: Timber, Brush, Understory
Resources: 130

Update: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 22% Containment Achieved on The Buckhorn Fire

Overview: Yesterday, crews on the Buckhorn Fire completed removing vegetation along the 2034 Road on the southern end of the fire and cleared about three-quarters of the brush along the 2030 Road on the eastern side of the fire. A dozer was moved into position to begin work today. A defensive burning operation was performed, resulting in 22 percent containment. Today, additional resources, including the Geronimo Interagency Hot Shot Crew, will work to complete clearing the 2030 Road. Geronimo Hot Shots will begin scouting along the ridgetops to locate accessible areas to continue building containment lines to keep the fire as small as possible while protecting timber assets.

Weather: Yesterday, storms continued to build erratically around the Buckhorn Fire. The storm cells brought lightning but no measurable rain. Today will bring more storms with little likelihood of precipitation. Temperatures will remain between 80-85 degrees with light west/northwest winds. The storms may also bring outflow winds from the south.

Safety: Please do not fly drones anywhere near the fire. Drones may endanger firefighting aircraft. If you fly, we can't.

Reminder: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions remain in place on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. Due to extreme drought, increasing temperatures and no rain predicted soon, the potential of catastrophic wildfire remains high. This restriction is for the protection of public health, safety, property, and natural resources. No burn permits will be issued at this time. For more information call Fire Prevention (928) 475-2326 Ext: 352, 321 or (928) 961-0515 or email asteele@forestry.scat-nsn.gov and wsteele@forestry.scatnsn.gov.

Closures: There is an area closure in place around the Buckhorn Fire. Closures are being adjusted based on fire activity for public and firefighter safety. Please monitor the San Carlos Apache Tribe Facebook Page for updated information. (Link Below)

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: 928-588-4033 from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. –2024.buckhorn@firenet.Gov

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SCATFORESTRY>

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/azsca-buckhorn-fire>

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