



Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team

TEAM 2 – John Truett – Incident Commander



Buckhorn Fire: 697 acres
Cause: Suspected lightning
Containment: 22%
Location: Malay Gap Area, San Carlos Reservation

Start Date: July 10, 2024
Fuels: Timber, Brush, Understory
Resources: 145

Update: Thursday, July 18, 2024

Weather Cooperates for Successful Day on the Buckhorn Fire

Overview: Yesterday, crews on the Buckhorn Fire completed removing vegetation along the 2034 Road. Work along the 2030 Road is roughly two-thirds complete. Firefighters also did defensive burning operations along the 2035 Road and made good progress due to warm, dry weather conditions and favorable winds. Firefighters were also scouting along the ridges for a “backup” fire line, known as an “contingency line” to the northeast. Today, as weather permits, crews will continue defensive burning to the east and south along the 2030 Road and complete defensive burns along the 2035 Road. Dozers will work to bring the containment line north near Bull Ridge toward the Black River.

Weather: Yesterday, storm cells began to develop around the Buckhorn Fire, but did not bring any outflow winds. Today 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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