



**Arizona Central West Zone  
Type Three Incident Management Team  
Incident Commander – Benjamin Stewart**

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**Buckhorn Fire:** 1,006 acres

**Cause:** Suspected lightning

**Containment:** 44%

**Location:** Malay Gap Area, San Carlos Reservation

**Start Date:** July 10, 2024

**Fuels:** Timber, Brush, Understory

**Resources:** 165

**Update: Saturday, July 20, 2024  
Central West Zone Type Three IMT To Command Buckhorn Fire**

**Highlight:** The Central West Zone Type Three Incident Management Team has taken command of the Buckhorn Fire as of 0600 today. Thanks to the Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team Two for their hard work.

**Overview:** Yesterday, on the Buckhorn Fire, firefighters began to construct handline to connect two dozer lines near Bull Ridge. Crews worked for as long as safely possible until lightning forced them to withdraw. Firefighters also responded to several new starts along Route 8, toward Point of Pines, and quickly extinguished the fires. Today, firefighters will work to continue to construct handlines and monitor weather conditions. Defensive burning operations are still planned, but crews must wait until the fuel conditions are more favorable.

**Weather:** Yesterday brought a little rain to the Buckhorn Fire. Rain fell heaviest on the eastern side of the fire with amounts between one-tenth and one-quarter of an inch. The storms also brought a lot of lightning, which forced crews to disengage from the fire for their safety. There is a 70 percent chance of storms today, with temperatures in the 80s and west/southwest winds of 15 to 20 miles per hour.

**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 [wsteele@forestry.scat-nsn.gov](mailto:wsteele@forestry.scat-nsn.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](mailto:2024.buckhorn@firenet.Gov)

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