



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

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: 186

Update: Sunday, July 21, 2024

Buckhorn Fire Crews Assist With New Starts Near San Carlos

Overview: Yesterday on the Buckhorn Fire, firefighters continued constructing handline to connect two dozer lines near Bull Ridge. Crews were able to work for roughly two and a half hours before lightning forced them to disengage for firefighter safety. Crews were also working to clear brush and vegetation along the 2030 Road. Although the weather was not conducive for work on the Buckhorn Fire, resources were able to lend a hand fighting several new starts near Soldier Tank, Slaughter Mountain, Medicine Ranch, and near Cutter Airport. Today, firefighters will head out early to beat the weather and continue their work to gain containment of the fire.

Weather: Yesterday brought between one-quarter and one-half inch of rain to the western perimeter of the Buckhorn Fire. Temperatures are expected to remain in the lower 80s, with north/northwest winds around 6 miles-per-hour. Roughly two inches of rain have fallen on the fire over the past three days. Although rain does not “put out” the fire, it does assist by reducing heat in larger fuels and increasing fuel moisture.

Reminder: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions remain in place on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. 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

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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