

Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team TEAM 2 – John Truett – Incident Commander



Watch Fire: 2,162 acres Cause: Human Caused, Under Investigation Containment: 0% Location: 7 Mile District of San Carlos Arizona Start Date: July 11, 2024 Fuels: Cottonwood, Brush, Understory Resources: 178

Update: Sunday, July 14, 2024 Successful Day on the Watch Fire

Overview: Firefighters had a successful day on the Watch Fire. Crews worked between China Town and Peridot Heights to clean up piles of burned vegetation and eliminate hot spots. Crews also continued to eliminate hot spots around the private structures near Jurassic Park. Representatives from the railroad and electric companies were able to begin work to repair infrastructure damaged during the fire. Today, crews will keep working to improve and strengthen containment lines and eliminating residual heat around the Watch Fire. Crews will continue evaluating properties and communities impacted by the fires and assessing damage.

Weather: Watch Fire is expected to see temperatures of 106 degrees in lower elevations with light west/southwest winds and gusts up to 20 mph with a 55 percent chance of rain and increasing cloud cover.

Safety: Additional fire personnel are available to respond to any new fires which may occur in the area. Increased traffic continues to impact roads in and around the fire. Please drive with cation. Please do not fly drones anywhere near the fire. Drones can endanger firefighting aircraft. If you fly, we can't.

Restrictions/Closures: Peridot Siding Road from Again Bridge is closed. Closures are being adjusted based on fire activity for public and firefighter safety. Please monitor the San Carlos Police Department and San Carlos Apache Tribe Emergency Response Commission (TERC) Facebook Pages (links below) for more information.

Smoke: Air quality information is available at <u>https://www.airnow.gov/</u>

Evacuations: At 1:30 P.M., today, TERC announced the evacuation status of the communities of Lower 7 Mile and New Moon Base from "GO" to "SET. The San Carlos Health Care Center was changed from "SET" to "READY." The remaining community of San Carlos should be ready to evacuate at any notice. Go to the San Carlos Police Department and San Carlos Apache Tribe Emergency Response Commission (TERC) Facebook pages at: https://www.facebook.com//SanCarlosApachePoliceDepartment/.

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Evacuation shelters are located at the San Carlos High School, Apache Gold Casino, and the Michael Noline Peridot Activity Center. Scan QR Code in right corner for an interactive map of evacuations.

Fire Information: 928-588-4033 from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. – <u>2024.watch@firenet.gov</u> InciWeb: <u>https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/azsca-watch-fire</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/SCATFORESTRY</u>

