

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







Watch Fire: 2,162 acres

Cause: Human Caused, Under Investigation

Containment: 47%

Location: 7 Mile District of San Carlos Arizona

Start Date: July 11, 2024

Fuels: Cottonwood, Brush, Understory

Resources: 177

Update: Monday, July 15, 2024 Watch Fire Reaches 47 Percent Containment

Overview Due to the hard work of firefighters, the Watch Fire has reached 47 percent containment. Crews worked to ensure fire lines along the western perimeter were secure and should keep the fire from spreading westward. Structural firefighters were deployed to extinguish a burned structure within the fire footprint that had been smoldering and sending up smoke. Today, firefighters are still working to locate and extinguish areas of residual heat around the eastern perimeter of the fire to help increase containment over the next few days. Crews will also be designated to respond to any new fires which may occur. Firefighters will continue to evaluate properties and communities impacted by the fires and assess damage.

Weather: Watch Fire is expected to see temperatures around 100 degrees in lower elevations with light west/southwest winds between 5-15 mph and gusts up to 25 mph. Increasing cloud cover with a 50 percent chance of rain. There is a high probability of lightning over the next few days.

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.

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/

Evacuations: The following communities have been downgraded from "GO" (evacuate) to "SET" (be alert) Status; Lower Seven Mile Wash, New Moonbase, San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corporation, Farmers Station, Downtown San Carlos and Peridot Siding. Residents are asked to avoid burned structures due to hazardous materials that may have long term health effects. For more information, call the San Carlos Apache Tribe Emergency Response Commission at 928-475-2008 or visit (TERC) or the San Carlos Police Department Facebook pages at: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064423850123

 $\underline{https://www.facebook.com//SanCarlosApachePoliceDepartment/}.$

Scan QR Code 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: https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/azsca-watch-fire

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

EOC: For questions or concerns regarding recovery efforts, please contact Kevin S. Cassadore; 928-475-2008

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