



Southwest Area Incident Management Team

TEAM 1 – CARL SCHWOPE – INCIDENT COMMANDER

Minimal Fire Growth on the Pius Fire Daily Update July 11, 2024

Acres: 2,019
Location: 20 miles NE of Payson, AZ
Containment: 0%
Resources: 2 Hotshot Crews, 2 IA Crews & 2 Type 2 Crews | 4 Engines | 1 helicopter | 1 Water Tender | 4 Dozers

Start Date: 07/08/24
Personnel: 233
Fuels: Timber

Highlights: In line with the full suppression objective, direct attack tactics are being implemented, when and where safe to do so. Southwest Area Team 1 assumed command of the Pius Fire yesterday morning and are strategically planning how to minimize the effects on the numerous values at risk in the area.

Fire Activity: Firefighters are staying engaged on the fire throughout two shifts that cover the extended burn period which allows for action to be taken when the conditions are right. The fire activity is wind sensitive with live vegetation burning actively when the winds are pushing the fire. Fire crews and equipment will continue to construct and reinforce the fire perimeter, creating wider fire lines today.

Forecasted thunderstorms with erratic winds have fire officials on high alert and close attention is being paid to any activity near the existing fire line, as well as any potential new starts. The team will assist local units by providing resources to fight any new starts during this period of unstable atmospheric conditions and increased recreation in the area.

Weather: The hot and dry trend continues with high temperatures in the 90s, single digit humidity, and light to moderate winds out of the Northwest today. There's a chance of thunderstorms predicted this afternoon and although they may remain south of the Rim, outflow winds will still be near the fire.

Smoke: Smoke may continue to impact the communities of Christopher Creek, Payson, Young, Forest Lakes, Heber-Overgaard, and Highway 260. For updates on smoke conditions in your local area visit www.fire.airnow.gov.

Closures/ Evacuations: The Coconino County Sheriff's Office has issued notices for evacuations in the area. For the most current evacuation information, please visit the Coconino County Emergency Management website at <https://www.coconino.az.gov/>.

More Information:

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Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/azasf-pius-fire>

