



Horton Fire Incident Management Team

Type 3 Team – Barry Johnson – Incident Commander



The Horton Fire transitioned to a local Type 3 team this morning.

Horton Fire Update: January 13, 2025

Acres: 8,346 **Containment:** 80% **Start Date:** December 14, 2024
Location: Payson Ranger District, Arizona **Cause:** Under Investigation
Personnel: 237 **Fuels:** Timber, chaparral
Resources: 2 crews | 7 engines | 1 helicopter | 1 bulldozer | 1 water tender

Highlights: Operations continue as management of the fire transitioned to a Type 3 team with the Tonto National Forest this morning at 7:00 a.m. Yesterday, crews strengthened containment lines to a depth of nearly 200 feet along the powerline corridor. Mop up and suppression repair work continues throughout the fire effected area. The Forest closure order has been updated.

Operations: Today, crews will work on backhauling excess equipment and suppression repair throughout all areas. Graders will be used to make improvements on the roads effected by fire suppression activities. Along the southern perimeter of the containment line, crews will work to clear snags along roads and trails that could pose a threat to the public. Work continues along SR-260 and travelers are encouraged to be mindful of fire traffic throughout the day.

Weather: Light winds and cool temperatures are expected to continue for the next few days. Conditions on the rim will be colder and gustier than at the lower elevations.

Smoke: Smoke will continue to be visible in the area as pockets of vegetation burn well within the interior of the fire footprint. For more information visit <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/>.

TFR: A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR 5/1983) is in place for the Horton Fire through January 31. More information is available at https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_5_1983.html. Intruding the flight restriction area puts firefighter safety and operations at risk.

Evacuations: As of January 10, 2025, all communities have returned to the READY evacuation status. The health and safety of firefighters and the public are always the priority. Members of the public are asked to avoid the area while firefighters continue their work. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/GCPHCS/> for more information on evacuation notifications.

Forest Orders: As of January 13, 2025, the forest closure order has been revised and reduced to reflect current conditions. Forest Order 03-12-00-25-02 is in place to protect public health and safety during the Horton Fire as well as protecting firefighting personnel engaging in wildland firefighting operations. To see the updates please visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notice>.

Road Closures: For roadway status and conditions visit AZ Department of Transportation at <https://www.az511.com/>.

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