



# FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

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**Start Date:** Monday January 19, 2025

**Cause:** Human-caused

**Location:** 5 miles southeast of Needles, CA

**Acres:** 4,060

**Containment:** 0%

**Personnel Assigned:** 86

**Evacuations:** None

**Resources:** 2 dozers, 2 handcrews, 7 engines, 2 water tenders, and support personnel

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### Havasu Fire Update - Wednesday, January 21st

**Highlights:** Firefighters work to obtain containment on the Havasu Fire. Additional resources are on order.

**Summary:** The Havasu Fire began as an escaped prescribed fire and was officially declared a wildfire at 4 p.m. on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Firefighters have worked around the clock to protect structures and build fireline, including dozer line around the south end of the fire near Topock, AZ, and across the northeast side of the fire. Fire crews utilized firing operations on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> along the Old South Dike Road to keep the fire from jumping into the Colorado River channel. Today, firefighters will continue to build fireline and monitor hand and dozer lines in place, be prepared for any spot fires, and prepare Havasu National Wildlife Refuge pumps and outbuildings to the north and west of the fire.

**Weather:** Wednesday, winds will be very light and variable, the high temperature will be 70, and relative humidity 16-19%. There is a small chance of rain on Friday. The lighter winds will allow firefighters opportunity to create increased fireline and slow fire spread.

**Closures:** The Upper Levee Road is closed at the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge boundary.

**Incident Information:** [Inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/azhvr-havasu-fire](https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/azhvr-havasu-fire)

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