

# Media Release

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### *Gladiator Fire Evacuee Re-Entry*

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The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce a THREE – Phase re-entry procedure that will go into effect today for the communities of Crown King, Pine Flats, and Turkey Creek.

For the past 13 days, some residents have been displaced from their homes and it has been an ongoing cooperative goal of the Southwest Incident Management Team and the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office to allow residents back into their homes as soon as possible. Each day the conditions of the fire and the firefighting response have been assessed to decide whether it was safe for residents to return home.

This morning, we believe it is safe for residents to return home. YCSO has consulted community leaders of the affected communities as well as the Incident Management Team in order to serve the best interests of our citizens. It is the wish of residents to return to their homes and perform the necessary clean up as a community without worrying about outside influences and security of the town. This re-entry will be strictly managed by the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office to ensure the affected communities obtain necessary support from Yavapai County Emergency Management and the Red Cross without delay. The three – phase process is outlined as follows:

#### **Phase I**

FRIDAY 5/25/2012 0800 hours – **Crown King** will be opened to **FULL TIME RESIDENTS** and **BUSINESS OWNERS** Only.

FRIDAY 5/25/2012 1800 hours – **Pine Flat and Turkey Creek** will be opened to **FULL TIME RESIDENTS** and **BUSINESS OWNERS** Only.

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**Phase II (24hours later)**

SATURDAY 5/26/2012 0800 hours – **Crown King, Pine Flats, and Turkey Creek** will be opened to **Part Time Residents and Other Property Owners**.

**Phase III (48hours after Phase II)**

Monday 5/28/12 0800 hours – **Crown King, Pine Flats, and Turkey Creek** will be opened to the **Public and Media**.

*In order to make entry into the fire zone and pass through the road block, residents will be required to obtain a “RE-ENTRY PASS” from the Sheriff’s Office. These passes will only be issued at the Mayer Sheriff’s Substation. Residents must bring proof of residency to the Mayer Sheriff’s Office Substation located at 13272 Central Avenue Mayer, AZ in order to receive the pass.*

*Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office with information or questions at*

*928-771-3260 or the YCSO website: [www.ycsoaz.gov](http://www.ycsoaz.gov)*