



## Northern Rockies Wildland Fire Management Team

Wayne Cook, Incident Commander

# Horseshoe Fire Update

**Thursday, June 24, 2010 7:00 p.m.**

Website: <http://inciweb.org/incident/1966/>

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Date Started: May 26, 2010

Location: 5 miles S of the town of Portal, AZ

Percent contained: 50%

Number of Personnel: 131

Equipment: 2 engines, 1 water tender

Cause: Human, under investigation

Size: 3,386 acres; about 400 acres active

Estimated containment date: July 10, 2010

Aircraft: 3 helicopters

Cost to date: \$9,500,891

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Lightning peppered Rodeo and the Chiracahuas Thursday evening, but no rain fell on the Horseshoe fire as of 7:00 p.m. Fire crews of the Coronado National Forest are evaluating management needs for two new lightning-sparked fires near Pinery Canyon and Turtle Mountain. The Northern Rockies team shared a helicopter with the Douglas Ranger District for reconnaissance, working together to provide fire suppression resources for further initial attack needs.

Until 9:00 p.m. Thursday night, hotshot crews and helitack are positioning themselves to respond to any more lightning fires within the Horseshoe fire's planned control line.

Rain and lightning should continue through the evening on both Thursday and Friday, with highs each day in the low 90's. Sunny drying weather returns for the weekend. There is a 25% chance of monsoon rains beginning by July 2<sup>nd</sup>, but wetting rains are likely to be preceded by frequent lightning for a week or two.

The Horseshoe fire's containment jumped to 50% Thursday because Wednesday night's infrared heat-detecting overflight found less heat than expected within the fire. In other words, about 50% of the fire's edge should not grow. Containment is not a physical measure, but is an idea expressing how much of the fire edge's should not expand. Acreage dropped due to more precise mapping.



Chiracahuas receiving virga and lightning at 7:00 p.m. June 24.

Road Closures: South Fork of Cave Creek Road (Forest Road 622) and Herb Martyr Road (Forest Road 42A) remain closed.

Trail Closures: Burro #240, South Fork #243, Snowshed #246, Herb Martyr #247, Horseshoe Ridge #282, #348 and #366 are closed.

*All trails north of Snowshed are open. All trails outside the control fireline are open.*

Campground closures: Herb Martyr, Idlewilde, John Hands, Stewart, South Fork and Sunny Flat campgrounds.

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