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# News Release

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## Hoyle Fire

May 4, 2019

**Discovered:** May 2, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.

**Location:**

- Black Mesa Ranger District of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests
- Navajo County, Arizona
- Approximately 3 miles southwest of Heber Overgaard

**Size:** approximately 400 acres

**Percent Containment:** 60%

**Cause:** Natural

**Personnel Assigned:** 40

**Incident Commander:** Joshua Salazar

**Vegetation:** Ponderosa Pine with heavy dead and down component

The lightning ignited Hoyle Fire burning south of Arizona State Highway 260 approximately 3 miles southwest of Heber, Arizona has grown to roughly 400 acres. Fire Managers have utilized preexisting roads and natural features above the rugged Hoyle Canyon as fireline and have taken an active role, introducing fire within the perimeter to consume fuel in a controlled fashion when weather conditions are favorable. The fire is effectively consuming large amounts of dead and down fuel left behind by the 2002 Rodeo-Chedeski Fire and is anticipated to actively burn and reach all perimeter lines by Sunday, May 5, 2019.

The Hoyle Fire is visible from Arizona State Highway 260 between milepost 296 and 299 as well as Black Canyon Road/Forest Road 86 north of the Old Wilford Townsite. Motorists are asked to drive carefully through the area and avoid stopping within the fire zone.

Although the fire is not a threat to private property smoke may be heavy at times within the community of Heber/Overgaard and along Highway 260 between Milepost 296 and 302. Motorists are advised to drive with extreme caution within the fire area. Individuals sensitive to smoke can learn how to help protect their health by visiting the Coconino County Public Health Services District website at: <http://bit.ly/SmokeHealthAwareness>

**Know Before You Go:**

- Northeastern Arizona Public Information System: <http://311info.net/> or call 311 or 928.333.3412
- Fire Restrictions and Red Flag Alerts: <http://wildlandfire.az.gov/>
- Wildfires Near Me: <http://www.wildfiresnearme.wfmrda.com/>