



Northern Rockies/Southwest Area Wildland Fire Management Team

For Immediate Release

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520-609-5316

Horseshoe Fire Update

Fire Information: 520-609-5316

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

Fire Facts

Date started: May 26, 2010

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

Percent Contained: 25%

Number of Personnel: 143

Equipment: 2 engines, 1 water tender

Resources Threatened: watersheds & wilderness

Cause: Human, under investigation

Size: 2,950 acres

Estimated Containment Date: July 10, 2010

Aircraft: helicopters 1 large, 1 medium, 1 small

Injuries to Date: 4

Cost to Date: \$ 7,959,424

Fire behavior on Sunday consisted of smoldering and creeping with minimal activity. Periodic smoke plumes were due to the fire reaching unburned pockets of vegetation; and can be expected to continue as the fire moves across the terrain. Crews continued fuel mitigation efforts on Forest Road 42 and took action to keep the fire from crossing South Fork of Cave Creek.

Although fire activity has remained light, many trails, roads and campgrounds remain closed. With predicted weather the fire activity has the potential to increase.

OPEN: Cave Creek Road is now **open**. All trails west of the Crest Trail (trail #270) are open. Rustler Park; the West Turkey Creek and Sycamore campgrounds on the west side; and Camp Rucker, Cypress Park and Rucker Forest Camp campgrounds to the south remain open to the public.

CLOSED TRAILS: Trails east of the Crest Trail are closed.

CLOSED ROADS: The South Fork of the Cave Creek Road (Forest Road 622) is closed. Forest Road 42D, south of the Rustler Park, and Herb Martyr Campground road are also closed.

CLOSED CAMPGROUNDS: Herb Martyr, Idlewilde, John Hands, Stewart, South Fork, and Sunny Flat

The Incident Command Post is located next to the Chiricahua Desert Museum in Rodeo, NM at the junction of NM Hwy 80 and Portal Road 533, seven miles east of Portal, AZ. The fire is currently burning on land administered by the Coronado National Forest, within the Chiricahua Wilderness, approximately five miles south of the town of Portal, AZ.

Please obey speed limits in the fire area. Be aware of heavy equipment and fire crews on the roads. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. For more information on how you can create defensible space around your home visit firewise.org.

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