



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/>

**The Public Meeting Has Been Changed to Thursday, June 17, 2010
7:00pm at the Portal Fire Department**

Fire Facts

Date started: May 26, 2010

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

Percent Contained: 25%

Number of Personnel: 136

Equipment: 10 engines, 1 water tender

Cost to Date: \$ 8,365,409

Cause: Human, under investigation

Size: 2,740 acres

Estimated Containment Date: July 10, 2010

Aircraft: helicopters 1 large, 1 medium, 1 small

Injuries to Date: 4

On Tuesday fire personnel secured the northeast perimeter of the fire to mitigate the long-term risk of having the fire move northeast during the remainder of the season. Crews continued mopping up the fireline in South Fork Cave Creek drainage and continued fuels mitigation efforts on Forest Road 42.

Fire behavior continues to be predominately smoldering and creeping. However, there was isolated torching of trees in some locations.

Fire crews will continue fuels mitigation work on Forest Road 42 on Wednesday. Fire officials will also assess the previous day's efforts on the northeast perimeter of the fire.

The Incident Management Team is taking action to moderate the potential for high intensity fire behavior so that the fire will not present a threat to the communities, watershed and wilderness areas.

OPEN: Cave Creek Road. Crest Trail #270 and all trails west of the Crest Trail #270. Rustler Park, West Turkey Creek, and Sycamore campgrounds on the west side. Camp Rucker, Cypress Park and Rucker Forest Camp campgrounds to the south.

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

CLOSED ROADS: South Fork Cave Creek Road (Forest Road 622). Forest Road 42D. Forest Road 42A.

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. The fire is currently burning on the Coronado National Forest, within the Chiricahua Wilderness.

Please obey speed limits in the fire area. Be aware of 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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