



Coconino County
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SUBJECT: “SET” Neighborhoods from Timberline/Fernwood to Antelope Hills Downgraded to “READY”

Flagstaff, AZ – The Coconino County Sheriff’s Office is pleased to announce the neighborhoods along Highway 89 north of Campbell Avenue will be downgraded from “SET” to “READY” status. This includes the neighborhoods of Timberline, Fernwood, Lenox Park, Girls Ranch Road, Wupatki Estates and Antelope Hills.

It is important to note that the Coconino National Forest in that area, including the Cinder Lakes OHV Area, will remain closed, due to a temporary closure order from the US Forest Service. For exact location of this temporary closure order and its established boundaries please contact the US Forest Service and/or visit the official Coconino National Forest website; <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/coconino/alerts-notices/?aid=72340>. In addition to the Forest Service temporary closure order, Forest Service 545 will be closed until further notice from Highway 89 to milepost 12 through Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument. The downgrade from “SET” to “READY” is mainly applicable for the private properties and neighborhoods within the Highway 89 corridor north of Campbell Avenue to the north entrance of Forest Service Road 545 (Wupatki National Monument).

The decision to downgrade the evacuation status was made in conjunction with the current Type I Incident Management Team, managing the Tunnel Fire. Due to the continued progress that firefighters have made and the weather outlook, the Incident Management Team has determined this area is no longer at risk from the limited remaining fire activity associated with the Tunnel Fire and recommended we downgrade the impacted areas to the “READY” status.

The Coconino County Sheriff’s Office would like to take this opportunity to thank all the agencies involved in this incident from the initial attack response, evacuation and re-entry efforts association with Tunnel Fire. Those agencies include; the Coconino National Forest, Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument, Summit Fire and Medical District, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Flagstaff Police Department, Navajo County Sheriff’s Office, Gila County Sheriff’s Office, Mohave County Sheriff’s Office, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Arizona Department of Transportation, Coconino County Public Works Department, Coconino County Community Development, and Coconino County Health and Human Services. There are many more agencies that were involved in this incident and our thanks goes out to all of those that stepped in to help our communities.

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