



SOUTHWEST AREA TYPE 1 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 2 JOHN PIERSON - INCIDENT COMMANDER

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Cedar Fire Update

June 17, 2016

Location: South of Show Low, East of Highway 60 on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation

Start date: Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Size: Approximately 9,652 acres

Percent Contained: 0%

Cause: Unknown/Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: Approximately 600 personnel

The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the White Mountain Apache Tribe brought in John Pierson's Type 1 Incident Management Team to assume command of the Cedar Fire at 6:00pm on Thursday, June 16. The public can continue to get information on the Cedar Fire by calling the 311 Northeastern Arizona Public Information System at 928-333-3412. Official incident information will be posted online at the Cedar Fire InciWeb page (<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4788>) and the Cedar Fire Information Facebook page (www.facebook.com/cedarfireinfo).

Fire crews made good progress yesterday and continued to work throughout the night. Crews successfully conducted burnout operations along the B41 road to establish an eastern containment line. Crews also strengthened western containment lines along Highway 60 and northern containment lines ¼ mile from the B65 road. An infrared flight mapped the current fire size at 9,652 acres, approximately 8.3 miles south of Pinetop-Lakeside and 11.4 miles south of Show Low. The fire is moving in a northeast direction, influenced by wind, topography and fuels. Much of the current operational success is due to the hard work and efforts of the initial attack resources and their foresight in ordering the Type 3 Team until the Type 1 Team could assume command.

US Highway 60 is closed eastbound and westbound from mile post 318 at State Route 73 to mile post 337 at Show Low. Evacuation orders remain in place for the community of Forestdale. Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside and the immediate surrounding areas are under pre-evacuation notice. To receive emergency alerts, please register through Ready Navajo County at <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612436#/login>.

Today's weather forecast calls for warmer temperatures with lighter winds. Fire managers are expecting the weather to get hotter and drier with decreasing winds over the next several days. Smoke will continue to move northeast and will likely impact the areas around Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside, and Snowflake-Taylor.

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Note to Media: Today's press conference will take place at Show Low High School at 11:45am.