



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

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## Cedar Fire Update

June 18, 2016

**Location:** Southwest of Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside, East of Highway 60 on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation

**Start date:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016

**Size:** Approximately 12,140 acres

**Percent Contained:** 30%

**Cause:** Unknown/Under Investigation

**Resources Assigned:** Approximately 775 personnel

Yesterday, fire activity increased on the southeastern section of the fire, producing additional smoke in the afternoon. Although fire behavior was active in this portion of the main fire, it did not cross any of the control lines established by firefighters on the eastern side. Crews continued to strengthen and extend the eastern control lines to the south. Aerial ignitions were carried out in Long Tom Canyon to consume unburned fuels in the interior portion of the fire, therefore creating a buffer to mitigate future fire spread. Crews continued to prep control lines along the southeastern side of the fire, allowing for successful nightshift burnout operations using hand ignition.

As a result of yesterday's operational success, crews have successfully strengthened and secured western containment lines along Highway 60 and northern containment lines along the B65 road. An infrared flight mapped the current fire size at 12,140 acres. Over the next 24 hours, fire will continue to spread on the south and east flanks due to burnout operations, resulting in increased smoke and acreage growth. Type 1 crews will continue to reinforce control lines on the south and southeast flanks, while other crews will hold and patrol the northern and western containment lines. Increased temperatures and decreased humidity will result in increased fire activity this afternoon.

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>.

High temperatures continue to increase with potential record temperatures forecasted for this weekend. Humidity will be extremely dry although winds will be lighter at 8-10mph. Smoke will continue to move northeast and will likely impact the areas around Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside, and Snowflake-Taylor.

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](http://www.facebook.com/cedarfireinfo)).

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