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Cedar Fire

June 19, 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: 40%

Cause: Unknown/Under Investigation

Resources Assigned: Approximately 714 personnel

Today is expected to be the hottest and driest day of the season. In fact, temperatures around Arizona are expected to break records. With the extreme heat and low humidity, there is an elevated possibility of extreme fire behavior. Smoke may be more visible and could develop into columns that could be visible some distance from the fire. Overnight there was a wind shift that will be pushing the fire to the south and southwest, essentially making what was the heel of the fire into its front line. Firefighters are prepared to be especially vigilant during the peak burning period this afternoon.

The fire burned actively on the south edge last night and winds pushed smoke into the AZ-73 corridor and the Whiteriver area. Today, fire crews are being shifted and reorganized to accommodate this new emphasis on controlling the south side of the fire.

Containment on the Cedar Fire increased to 40% by the end of the day Saturday because of successful efforts by firefighters on the north, northwest and west sides of the fire. These containment lines put a substantial barrier of protection between the fire and Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside. Those perimeters are being mopped up and patrolled.

As weather conditions permit, firing operations are continuing along the south and southeastern perimeter of the fire, using a combination of daytime aerial ignitions and ground ignitions during the day and nighttime shifts. Using these techniques, firefighters are getting out ahead of the still active front of the fire in an attempt to box it in.

The weather is expected to cool after today with an increased chance of storms and higher humidity as we move into next week.

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).

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