



SOUTHWEST AREA TYPE 1 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 2

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Cedar Fire – Afternoon Update

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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

Fire activity has increased along the southern edge of the fire as predicted, specifically along the southeast and southwest flanks. The western flank of the fire remains north of Long Tom Canyon and the eastern flank remain west of Cedar Creek.

As the fire advances to the south along the western flank, east of Hwy 60, it is probable that it will reach the identified “pre-evacuation line” for the community of Carrizo. Incident Management Team officials will communicate with White Mountain Apache Tribe officials and law enforcement when this point is reached to best facilitate notifications to community members.

The increased activity has produced a spot fire that has established west of Cedar Creek approximately a mile north of the Navajo/Gila County line.

With the activity on the southwest and southeast flanks of the fire, firefighters have moved away from the active portions of the fire for safety, and continue to observe and evaluate opportunities to engage with the highest probability for success. This includes the Incident Management Team identifying new areas where they feel they can safely and effectively reengage.

The fire is also actively burning south along Hwy 60. Firefighters, in coordination with Navopache Electric, are looking for opportunities to conduct burnout operations along the highway. When they are able to conduct these operations, the electric cooperative may need to turn off the power line for a short time to provide for the safest possible environment for firefighters.

Incident meteorologists are predicting a shift in the winds around 8:00 pm this evening, shifting from the current north-northwest back to southern winds we’ve seen for the past few days, potentially slowing the fire growth and turning it back to the already burned area.

The Incident management team has ordered additional resources to assist in the continued firefighting efforts including 6 additional fire crews and additional aircraft.

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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