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Twin Fire Update

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – The Twin Fire is at 1,000 acres, and remains south of I-40 and a mile southwest of the City of Williams, at the base of Bill Williams Mountain. Fire activity was less intense today with the majority of the activity to the southeast. Personnel are constructing direct line around the northeastern edge of the fire. The Type I Incident Management Team arrived this afternoon and is preparing to assume management of the fire.

Air operations have been effective. Heavy afternoon winds made flying difficult for the air tankers and may limit their use on Sunday.

In order to protect public health and safety, an emergency fire closure was initiated around Bill Williams Mountain. The closure is along Perkinsville Rd (County Rd. 73) on the east, Forest Road 122 on the south, Interstate 40 to the north and Forest Road 108 on the west. The closure should not affect local resident access.

There may also be temporary road delays along County Rd. 73 as helicopters operate in the area. Please drive with caution.

No structures have burned and the evacuations southwest of the City of Williams are still in effect. For information about the evacuations contact the City of Williams Police Department at 928-635-4461.

The extended weather forecast calls for partly cloudy with a chance of rain late in the evening. Interstate 40 remains open, but there are still moderate to heavy impacts due to smoke. If planning to travel to the area, please call ahead for current conditions.

For more information please visit the Inciweb at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/1909/> or call 928-635-5653 or 928-635-5635.

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