



SOUTHWEST AREA
INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 4
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Juniper Fire Update

June 12, 2016

Location: 10 miles south of Young AZ, Tonto National Forest

Size: Approximately 30,631

Percent Contained: 30%

Cause: Lightning

Resources Assigned: 406 personnel (7 crews, 3 Helicopters, 13 Engines, 2 Dozers and 9 Water Tenders)

Today the Southwest Incident Management Team 4 will begin to transition the Juniper Fire to a Type 3 Incident Management Team. This Team will have fewer personnel and fire suppression equipment while remaining sufficiently staffed to safely achieve identified objectives. This is the same organization that initially managed this incident, they are very familiar with the fire area and the work needing to be accomplished.

A lot of positive restoration effects have resulted from this nearly 31,000-acre wildfire. The Juniper Fire has been burning over 3 weeks. In the last several days fire growth and behavior have been minimal. Friday night the fire received significant rains - one-half to one inch of rain throughout the fire area. Despite the rains, there are still pockets of heat and smoke that will likely remain for several weeks. Until that time, smoke will continue to be seen from nearby vistas and crews will be actively working throughout the area. Closures will remain in effect until it is declared safe for visitors. Continued patience on the part of forest visitors and nearby communities is appreciated as incident personnel continue this important work.

Highway 288, which has been closed south of the community of Young, reopened yesterday. However, the fire area remains closed. Visitors should be aware that incident personnel are working along the highway. Please put safety first and drive slowly. The Tonto National Forest is currently under fire restrictions. Details can be found on their website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tonto/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD504864>.

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