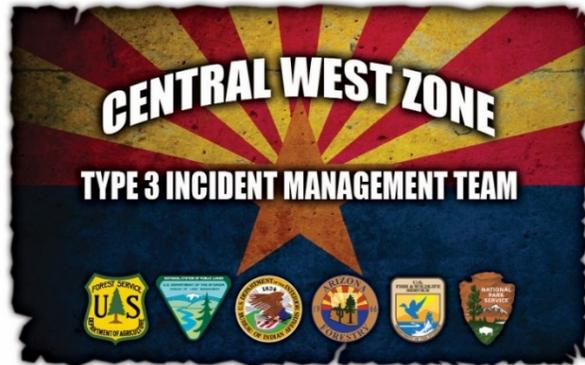


# NEWS RELEASE/FIRE UPDATE

## JUNIPER FIRE

**Incident Commander:** Andy Mandell; with Clint Remington, IC-Trainee  
**Information Contact:** Gabrielle Kenton—928-462-4071  
Between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.



**Today's Date:** June 13, 2016

**Fire Start Date:** May 20, 2016

**Size:** Approximately 30,631 acres

**Cause:** Lightning

**Location:** About 10 miles south of Young, AZ, on the Pleasant Valley Ranger District, Tonto National Forest

**Growth Potential:** Growth is limited though fire may continue to grow in the southwestern section

**Percent Contained:** 30%

**Resources Assigned:** 280 total personnel on the fire, with five crews, six engines, plus many command and support personnel. Large equipment includes one Type 1, one Type 2, and one Type 3 helicopters, a masticator, and two dozers.

### Key Points:

- **State Route 288 is currently open to the public.**
- **The fire is producing minimal smoke that is primarily heading toward the northeast.**
- **The area closure around the fire planning area remains in effect. There are more details on the closure below.**

**Summary:** The half-inch to inch of rain received Friday on the Juniper Fire has slowed the fire's behavior considerably, though a few hot spots continue to burn and smolder. As this week progresses, hotter and drier conditions are expected and some of those locations could become more active. Depending on location and the type of fuels, these could require additional suppression. Today crews will focus on rehabilitation of suppression lines, monitoring the fire around hot spots, and remaining alert for new starts.

Today at 6:00 a.m., the Southwest Area Incident Management Team 4 turned the fire over to the Central West Zone Incident Management Team 3, with Incident Commander Andy Mandell. Today many of the crews and overhead will be demobilizing and leaving the area. Over the next couple of days, there will be far fewer people assigned to the fire.

Agency objectives have not changed and will continue to be met by the incoming team. Although nearly 31,000 acres of fire have been managed, ongoing management will continue toward accomplishing team and agency goals.

Highway 288 is now open to the public, however all areas inside the fire planning area remain closed to the general public due to safety concerns. Visitors need to be aware fire crews are still working on or near the roadway and should drive with caution. 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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