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**Hours:** 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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## NEWS RELEASE/FIRE UPDATE

### JUNIPER FIRE

#### JUNE 14, 2016

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

**Size:** Approximately 30,631 acres

**Cause:** Lightning

**Percent Contained:** 30%

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

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

**Resources Assigned:** 206 total personnel on the  
fire, with two crews, six engines, plus 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 Highway 288 is currently open to the public.**
- **Forest Road (FR) 203 is closed from the junction of FR 203 and State Highway 288 moving south to the junction of FR 203 and the Ellison Ranch turnoff.**
- **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:** A few hot spots continue to burn and smolder on the Juniper Fire, producing only light smoke in the area. Crews are monitoring these hot spots and preparing for any potential flare-ups that could spread as the weather becomes hotter and drier. Additional crews continue to focus on rehabilitation of containment lines and remain alert for any new fire starts.

State Highway 288 is open to the public and the recreation sites on the western side of the highway have reopened. Forest Road 203, also known as Cherry Creek Road, is closed between the junction with Hwy 288 to the north and Ellison Ranch to the south.

All areas east of Hwy 288 inside the fire planning area remain closed due to safety concerns. Although fire activity has decreased, fire crews are still working on or near the roadway and travelers should drive with caution. Campfires and other open flames are currently prohibited on the Tonto National Forest in accordance with existing Fire Restrictions. Details can be found on their website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tonto/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD504864>.