Firefighters Focus on Suppression Repair Efforts

Firefighters remain committed to full suppression. The Bush Fire is currently 73% contained. Pockets of fuel within the fire’s perimeter continue to burn and create columns of smoke. Crews continue to secure, patrol, and monitor the fire’s edge and will drop water to cool areas of the fire as needed. Suppression repair efforts have become a priority as containment has increased.

Resources assigned to the fire continue to support and be available for initial attack efforts in the area. Yesterday ground and aerial resources assisted with nearby initial attack efforts. Excess Bush Fire personnel and resources continue to be released from the incident and made available to assist with fires across the Southwest.

Expect to see aircraft working along the east side of the fire near Highway 188. In an effort to try to help protect Sonoran desert areas within the pocket of unburned fuel on the east side of the fire, two amphibious water scoopers will be traveling between this area and Roosevelt Lake. The pilots have extensive seaplane training and will not touch down on the lake unless it’s safe. If you see these aircraft in the area, please move your boat closer to shore.

A recording of last night’s online community meeting tonight on the Bush and Central Fires is available at https://tinyurl.com/June23Video. Additional video updates are available at https://tinyurl.com/BushFireVideoUpdates.

Hot, dry weather, similar to yesterday is expected again today. Southwest winds are expected to pick up in the late afternoon, up to 25 mph.


Smoke Outlook: https://fires.airfire.org/outlooks/CentralArizona

Visit https://az511.com/ or call 511 for current road closure information.

For your safety and ours, please drive with caution. Firefighters continue to work along Highway 87 and 188. Drivers should expect fire personnel and cooperators to be working on highway shoulders and should use extreme caution. Slow down and watch for firefighters working along the highways. Please not stop along the road in the fire area.

The Tonto National Forest has an area closure surrounding the Bush Fire. Fire restrictions remain in place. Details are available at https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notices.

Wildfires are a No Drone Zone. If you fly, we can’t. Every time a drone is spotted near the fire all aircraft are grounded until we can be sure the drone is clear of this area. More info visit http://knowbeforeyoufly.org.

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