Telegraph Fire Morning Update – June 17, 2021


Notifications can change rapidly. Residents in areas affected by the fire should remain vigilant and be prepared to evacuate. Evacuation notifications are issued when danger is imminent and life threatening.

**Acres:** 171,242  
**Percent Containment:** 72%  
**Date/Time Detected:** Friday, June 4, 2021, 1:30 p.m.  
**Structures damaged/destroyed:** 42

**Number of Personnel:** 968  
**Cause:** Human, under investigation  
**Origin/Location:** South of Superior, Arizona

**Overnight,** fire pushed south to Troy Mountain where firefighters worked to contain the fire’s edge. Crews scouted State Route 177 corridor for opportunities to construct containment line to protect values at risk. Crews were able to secure the Government Springs Ranch. Firefighters patrolled the Dripping Springs Road and worked on green islands of fuel which flared up. Firefighters maintained a heavy presence in the El Capitan communities, assessing damage and mopping up.

**Today,** firefighters will continue to monitor the advance of fire from Troy Mountain toward Tiger Mountain, and take suppression action where feasible. Firefighters will continue to scout State Route 77 and SR 177 corridors for opportunities to build hand line and/or dozer line, or to initiate burnouts if fire advances. Structure Protection Groups will continue to protect values at risk in the El Capitan community, and along the Dripping Springs Road. Crews will continue to clean up FR 651 to facilitate access for firefighters. In the U.S. Route 60 corridors, firefighters will continue to patrol and mop up. Extreme heat continues to adversely affect the performance of both firefighters and firefighting equipment. Afternoon temperatures yesterday caused aircraft to be grounded, and dozers to overheat. The same conditions are expected today.

For information on evacuation status, road closures, and fire activity, there will be a virtual community meeting every day at 6 p.m. until further notice, on the Incident Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Telegraphfireinformation/

Evacuation status as of 0800, June 17 for El Capitan (east and west), Dripping Springs, Wind Spirit, Hagen Ranch, Slash S Ranch and Government Springs is now “Go.” Evacuation status for Top-of-the-World, Bellevue, Oak Flat, Beverly Hills, Six Shooter and Icehouse and is now “Set.” Evacuation status for Superior, Globe, Miami, Claypool, Central Heights, Pinto/Carlotta, Skill Center, Fairgrounds, Schultz Ranch, Ray Mine, Riverside, Kearney, Winkelman, Hayden and the Battle Axe area is now “Ready.”

The Tonto National Forest has initiated Stage 2 Fire Restrictions for the entire forest, effective 8 a.m. on June 11. All State Land is under Stage 2 restrictions effective 8 a.m. on June 11.

The San Carlos Indian Reservation has initiated Stage 3 fire restrictions for the entire reservation, effective June 14, 2021.

All Bureau of Land Management lands in Arizona are under Stage 2 fire restrictions effective June 11, 2021. See: https://blm.gov/arizona/fire-restrictions

**Closure Areas:** Tonto National Forest Closure Order Map: https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notices


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