**Telegraph Fire Evening Update – June 18, 2021**

**Acres:** 177,295  
**Percent Containment:** 67%  
**Date/Time Detected:** Friday, June 4, 2021, 1:30 p.m.  
**Structures burned:** 51  
**Number of Personnel:** 915  
**Cause:** Human, under investigation  
**Origin/Location:** South of Superior, Arizona

**Today:** Residents of El Capitan returned to their homes this morning and are now on “Set” evacuation status. SR 77 remains closed and is only open to resident’s access. Firefighters continue to mop-up and patrol in this area. Crews worked with helicopters to suppress an unburned pocket of brush that flared up north of Government Springs Ranch. They also patrolled the SR 77, SR 177, and Dripping Springs Road corridors to protect values at risk and take suppression action where necessary. Firefighters are monitoring the fire as it backs off the Mescal Mountains through rugged, inaccessible terrain in the southeast corner of the fire area, and will take suppression actions if it threatens SR 77. Residents in the Globe-Miami area can expect to see light to moderate smoke for the next few days from the upper Kellner, and Icehouse Canyons as the fire backs down-slope through the area burned by the 2017 Pinal Fire. Suppression repair work continued near Top-of-the-World.

**Tonight,** members of the Pacific Northwest Incident Management Team 6 will work alongside current fire managers to gain familiarity with the area, fire conditions and available resources prior to taking over management of the fire tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. Firefighters will continue to monitor the fire backing down in pine stands on Pinal Peak. Firefighters will take suppression action on the fire near Government Springs Ranch to ensure that values at risk are not impacted. Fire crews will monitor and patrol El Capitan, and the communities along Dripping Springs Road overnight. Firefighters will continue to identify roads and other possible contingency lines they can use to contain the fire south of the Troy and Tiger Mountain area and prevent it from spreading south towards SR 177 and the values at risk along that corridor.

The Red Cross Evacuation Shelters at Highline Middle School and Skyline High School closed today but are ready to reopen if they’re needed.

**Evacuation status as of 11:30 a.m. June 18:** “GO” - Dripping Springs, Wind Spirit, Hagen Ranch, Slash S Ranch, Government Springs.  
**Evacuation status “SET”** - El Capitan East and West, Six Shooter and Icehouse Canyons.  
**Evacuation status “READY”** - Superior, Globe, Miami, Claypool, Central Heights, Pinto/Carlotta, Skill Center, Fairgrounds, Schulze Ranch, Ray Mine, Top-of-the-World, Bellevue, Oak Flat, Beverly Hills, Riverside, Kearney, Winkelman, Hayden, Battle Axe area. 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.

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](https://blm.gov/arizona/fire-restrictions)

**CLOSURE AREAS:** Tonto National Forest Closure Order Map: [https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notices](https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notices)  

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