



**SOUTHWEST AREA TYPE 1  
INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 2  
JOHN PIERSON - INCIDENT COMMANDER**



Bighorn Fire Inciweb

Bighorn Fire – June 21, 2020 Morning Update

**Crews stay focused on keeping Bighorn Fire in check as Incident Management Team plans for transition**

**Acres:** 51,628

**Cause:** Lightning

**Percent Containment:** 19%

**Origin Location:** Santa Catalina Mountains

**Start Date:** June 5, 2020

**Personnel:** 908

**Injuries:** 3 minor heat-related illnesses

**Jurisdiction:** Coronado National Forest, including portions of the Pusch Ridge Wilderness

**Resources:** 7 hotshot crews, 14 Type 2 hand crews, 2 Type 1 engines, 25 Type 3 engines, 4 Type 4 engines, 34 Type 6 engines, 5 Type 1 helicopters, 1 Type 2 helicopter, 2 Type 3 helicopters, 19 water tenders, 6 bulldozers

Today, fire managers will start transitioning information to the incoming Type 1 Incident Management Team that will later assume command of the Bighorn Fire. The two teams will work closely together exchanging information and shadowing operations positions to ensure all facets are transferred seamlessly for management of the Bighorn Fire.

Overnight, the fire burning in Ventana Canyon diminished as it reached Sonoran Desert vegetation at the base of the canyon. Fire burning on the east slope of the canyon was highly visible but did not threaten property. Crews will continue to closely monitor Ventana and Esperero Canyons today.

On Mt. Lemmon, firefighters will perform burnout operations today along the Aspen Trail that was cleared yesterday to serve as a containment feature. This will form a buffer from fire moving east from the Wilderness of Rocks. Crews working along the east side of Catalina Highway continue to burn along the road to prevent fire in Alder and Edgar Canyons from running uphill towards values at risk.

Fire burning along Samaniego Ridge is creeping in broken terrain and patchy fuels. Crews are closely monitoring the progression. To the north, firefighters will keep watch over the areas where burnout operations were conducted yesterday to ensure any smoldering or fire movement is kept in check.

Evacuation Notices		
GO - Evacuate	SET – Be Alert	READY – Prepare Now
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mt. Bigelow &amp; Lower Soldier HOA</li> <li>Community of Summerhaven</li> <li>Willow Canyon</li> <li>Peppersauce Canyon to Highjinks Road and Campo Bonito</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community of Oracle</li> <li>Portions of East Golder Ranch</li> <li>Catalina Foothills between Alvernon Way and Sabino Canyon Road, North of Skyline Drive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oro Valley area from Catalina State Park south to Magee Road</li> <li>Tucson foothills area from First Avenue east to Alvernon Way</li> </ul>

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**Closures:** The Coronado National Forest closure order includes Sabino and Bear Canyons. Catalina State Park is closed. View the closure orders and maps at [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/6741/](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/6741/). Catalina Highway is closed to the public at milepost zero. Only residents and business owners may pass. Oracle Control Road is closed.

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**InciWeb:** [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6741/](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6741/)

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