

Bighorn Fire Update

June 23, 2020 Morning Update Northern Rockies Incident Management Team Mike Goicoechea, Incident Commander



Bighorn Fire Inciweb

Bighorn Fire Information: (520) 329-7439 & (520) 276-8981, 8AM-8PM Media Phone Line: (520) 329-7640, 8AM-8PM Website: <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6741/</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/bighornfireinfo</u> Smoke Outlook: https://wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlooks/EasternArizona

Weather: Increasing hot temperatures with low humidity today. Winds light and terrain driven.

Yesterday's Activities: The fire moved into Lemmon Canyon and smoke was visible from Tucson as upslope winds pushed the fire back towards the Wilderness of Rocks. Firefighters focused on containment

Incident Statistics		
Location: Santa Catalina Mountains		
Size:	58,553 acres	
Containment:	33%	
Injuries:	4 minor	
Date detected:	June 5, 2020	
Cause:	Lightning	
Estimated cost	\$19.9 MM	
Resources		
Hand Crews: 25	Dozers: 6	
Camp Crews: 1	Water-tenders: 19	
Engines: 80	Personnel: 988	
Helicopters:10		

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operations in the Summerhaven area and along the Catalina Highway. The line south of Oracle was patrolled and continued to hold.

Today's Activities: Today's priority will be structure protection and containment in the Mt. Lemmon, Summerhaven, and Willow Canyon areas. If conditions are favorable, low to moderate intensity firing operations may be conducted to consume unburned fuels in all areas including along the eastern flank. Opportunities to deepen the line south of Oracle will be explored today. Firing operations may produce more visible smoke later in the day. The fire backing off the Samaniego Ridge will continue to be monitored. An initial attack team will be available to support suppression of any new fire starts in the surrounding area.

A virtual public meeting will be streamed via Facebook Live tonight at 8 PM at facebook.com/bighorn.

Evacuations:

Evacuation Notices: Visit pima.gov/bighorn or pinalcountyaz.gov/emergencymanagement		
GO - Evacuate	SET – Be Alert	READY – Prepare Now
 Mt. Bigelow & Lower Soldier HOA Community of Summerhaven Willow Canyon Lower Catalina Hwy./Lower Mt. Lemmon Communities from Organization Ridge Rd. to South Willow Canyon 	 Community of Oracle Portions of East Golder Ranch Catalina Foothills between Alvernon Way and Sabino Canyon Road, north of Skyline Drive Peppersauce Canyon to Highjinks Road and Campo Bonito 	 Oro Valley area from Catalina State Park south to Magee Road Catalina foothills areas from First Avenue to Alvernon Way

Sign up to receive emergency alerts at <u>myalerts.pima.gov</u> or <u>pinalcountyaz.gov/emergencymanagement</u>.

A temporary flight restriction is in place over the fire area. If you fly, we can't. Visit knowbeforeyoufly.org.

Closures: The Coronado National Forest closure order includes Sabino and Bear Canyons. Catalina State Park is closed. Closures and maps at <u>inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/6741/</u>. Catalina Highway is closed to the public at milepost zero. Oracle Control Road is also closed.

National Forest conditions: <u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/coronado/alerts-notices</u>

