

Bighorn Fire Update

June 27, 2020 Morning Update Northern Rockies Incident Management Team Mike Goicoechea, Incident Commander



Bighorn Fire Inciweb

Incident Statistics

40%

7 minor

Lightning

\$28.1 MM

Dozers: 6

Water-tenders: 28

Personnel: 1187

95,225 acres

June 5, 2020

Location: Santa Catalina Mountains

Resources

Size:

Injuries:

Cause:

Containment:

Date detected:

Estimated cost

Hand Crews: 28

Helicopters: 10

Engines: 90

Bighorn Fire Info: (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: <u>https://wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlooks/EasternArizona</u> Burned Area Response: <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6796/</u>

Weather: The area is under a fire weather watch today. Temperatures 76 to 83 degrees upper elevations and 100 to 103 valley floor. The fire will be active today due to increasing wind and a chance of thunderstorms.

Yesterday's Activity: Last night, burnout operations south of Davis Spring Road and 4 miles west of Redington were conducted to reduce the risk of

eastward fire spread. Aerial ignition operations were conducted near Palisade Canyon and Green Mountain to improve firelines and reduce the risk of uncontrolled fire reaching the Catalina Highway. East of Saddlebrook, a firing operation improved firelines. Holding, mop up and structure protection was the focus in Summerhaven, Willow Canyon, and Saddlebrook. Biosphere, Oracle, and Sabino Canyon were in patrol status.

Today's Activities: Crews will hold and improve line near Willow Canyon, Palisade Canyon, Green Mountain, and south of the Davis Spring Road. Hotshot crews will build fireline on the south side of Green Mountain. A ground crew will work to extinguish a hotspot approximately three miles northeast of Catalina State Park. Sabino Canyon and the south foothills will be patrolled and monitored. East of the fire, construction will continue on contingency lines by connecting to existing road systems. Structure protection will be in place for Saddlebrook and along the Catalina Highway. In Summerhaven, equipment backhaul and suppression repair activity will take place. Initial attack resources are pre-positioned around the fire.

Evacuation Notices: Visit <u>pima.gov/bighorn or pinalcountyaz.gov/emergencymanagement</u>		
GO - Evacuate	SET – Be Alert	READY – Prepare Now
 East slope of the Catalina Mountains south of the Pima County line and west of the community of Redington Mt. Lemmon, Summerhaven, Mt. Bigelow Lower Catalina Highway/Lower Mt. Lemmon Communities from Organization Ridge Road to South Willow Canyon 	 Redington community bordered by county lines on the north and east Portions of east Golder Ranch area Catalina Foothills areas east of Kolb Road within northern areas of Ventana Canyon neighborhoods 	 Oro Valley areas from Catalina State Park south to Magee Road Catalina foothills areas from First Avenue to Alvernon Way Catalina Foothills between Alvernon Way and Kolb Road, north of Skyline Drive Community of Oracle near Peppersauce Canyon

Virtual public meeting tonight at 8 PM at Bighorn Fire Info https://www.facebook.com/bighornfireinfo.

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. <u>knowbeforeyoufly.org</u>. Closures: Sabino Canyon, Bear Canyon, and Catalina State Park are 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 closed.

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

