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Snake Ridge Fire June 3 update

Happy Jack, Ariz., June 3, 2017, For Immediate Release — With west/southwest winds and excellent ventilation predicted over the next several days, fire personnel plan on conducting burnout operations tomorrow along the powerline to ensure the powerline is protected from severe wildfires and to help completely contain the wildfire within the next several days.

Burnout operations will begin at approximately 8 a.m., and a plume of smoke will be visible from northern Arizona communities such as Camp Verde, Clints Well, Flagstaff, Payson, Pine, Sedona, and Strawberry. Smoke is predicted to travel toward the east/northeast and may impact nearby Blue Ridge communities, but is predicted to most likely impact the communities of Holbrook, Snowflake, and/or Show Low.

The Snake Ridge Fire is currently 11,189 acres, and burnout operations over the next couple of days will help the fire consume an additional 4,000 acres. Firefighters will continue to monitor fire progression and to reinforce and secure the fire line perimeter and hope to fully contain the fire by mid-week.

For more information, details and the specific objectives for the Snake Ridge Fire, please visit <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/unit/303/>. Quick updates will also be provided via Twitter at [@CoconinoNF](https://www.twitter.com/CoconinoNF), so please follow us if you would like to be updated as information is received.

SNAKE RIDGE WILDFIRE SUMMARY

Reported: May 19, 2017 at 3:02 p.m. by Baker Butte Lookout.

Cause: Lightning.

Location: About nine miles northwest of Clints Well; Latitude/longitude: 34.602283, -111.457167.

Size: 11,189 acres

Resources: Blue Ridge Hotshot crew, fuels crew, local prevention units and engines, various support personnel; Approximately 50 firefighters and personnel.

Closures/Restrictions: A closure order is in effect for the fire area. Closures and/or restrictions will continue to be updated on Inciweb at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/unit/303/> as necessary, and

signs will be placed in areas of closures/restrictions to notify the public. On the Inciweb site, click "Snake Ridge Fire" and then the "Closure" tab to view information and a map on closures.

Smoke Impacts: Smoke drifted into and impacted the Verde Valley this morning, but winds are predicted to shift and push smoke toward the east/northeast as early as tomorrow (June 4) as well as bring excellent ventilation. Smoke is predicted to impact the communities of Holbrook, Snowflake and/or Show Low on Sunday (June 4) and Monday (June 5).

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