



Coconino County SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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MEDIA RELEASE

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SUBJECT: *Update to Evacuations of Jacob Lake AZ*

Jacob Lake, Arizona, June 15th, 2020, 11:00 a.m.,

Evacuations in the Jacob Lake area continued throughout the weekend and are continuing today in areas threatened by the Mangum Fire Burning on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

Coconino County Sheriff's Office along with United States Forest Service personnel throughout the weekend and into the week, continue to patrol and search in and around the Mangum fire vicinity affecting Jacob Lake and surrounding areas. Approximately 230 people were evacuated in initial efforts with another 50 visitors evacuated / escorted out of the area over the weekend.

Sheriff Deputies, along with Forest Service Officers, made personal notifications to residents in the areas of White Sage and Lonesome during the weekend placing them in the "SET" stage for evacuation. Approximately 30 to 35 homes were contacted during this notification

Due to proximity of the Mangum Fire, Highway 67 was closed over the weekend and remains closed at this time to all traffic. Visitors are being escorted out at intervals throughout the day up to 4:00 pm.. Forest Service and Park Officials are asking anyone wanting to leave the area to drive to Forest Service road 429 and Highway 67 where the Highway is closed, where escorts out of the fire hazard area will be facilitated by Forest Service Officers. These times are subject to change as Fire conditions change.

Currently Hwy 89A is closed at M.P 545 east of Jacob Lake and at mile post 608.8 west of Jacob Lake. Hwy 67 is closed to all traffic. These roadways will remain closed while the Mangum Fire continues to pose a threat to public safety.

As fire efforts continue more information will be made available. For any questions regarding the Mangum fire please contact the USFS at 602-345-0469. For information regarding the evacuation efforts please contact the Sheriff's Office at 928-226-5089. For Road closures please contact Az Department of Transportation by dialing in state, 511, and out of state 888-411-7623, www.az511.gov

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office urges all residents to sign up for Emergency Notifications to receive any emergency notifications about the fire and possible evacuation notices. Please visit <https://www.coconino.az.gov/207/Emergency-Management> for information on how to register to get emergency alerts .

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