



SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM #1

Bea Day - Incident Commander

Firefighters continue to patrol, mop-up, and secure the fireline. Tinder Fire – May 5, 2018 Morning Update

Acres: 16,303 acres (based on infrared mapping)
Start Date: April 27, 2018
Origin Location: 1.5 mi NE of Blue Ridge Reservoir
Fuels: Timber (grass and understory)

Containment: 66%
Cause: Abandoned Illegal Campfire
Jurisdiction: Coconino National Forest
Structures Lost: 33 primary residences, 54 minor structures

Resources: 470 personnel including 9 crews, 4 helicopters, 28 engines, 6 dozers, 2 water tenders, and other support personnel

Yesterday the evacuation order for the Blue Ridge communities was lifted and residents returned to their properties. For additional information call the Coconino County Sheriff's Office at 928-213-2990 or 928-679-8393.

Highway 87 was reopened yesterday. Visit <https://twitter.com/ArizonaDOT> or call 511 for current status.

Unauthorized use of unmanned aircraft (also known as "drones") in a fire area endangers the lives of pilots and firefighters. Never fly unmanned aircraft over or near a wildfire. If you fly, someone could die! Visit <https://www.nifc.gov/drones/index.html> for more information on drones and wildfires.

Creeping and smoldering will be the most common fire activity around the fire today. Fire may burn more activity in areas of unburned fuels within the fire's perimeter. Heavy fuels, like logs, continue to hold heat. The remaining hot spots within the fire's perimeter still have the potential to spread as the warmer, drier conditions continue over the next few days.

There will be some increased smoke today as yesterday's burnout operation continues to consume unburned fuels within the fire's perimeter. Smoke will move toward the northwest during the day. There will be moderate smoke impacts to the Blue Ridge Communities. Air quality updates will be posted to websites below.

Following yesterday's burnout operations on the northeast corner of the fire, firefighters will patrol, mop-up, and further secure the line. Otherwise around the fire, firefighters continue to patrol, mop-up, and do suppression repair to help minimize impacts on the landscape and minimize the potential for soil erosion.

Firefighters continue efforts to fully suppress the fire where they can do so safely and effectively. Objectives include ensuring emergency responder and public safety, protecting structures, facilities and infrastructure in local communities including Starlight Pines 1 & 2, Tamarron Pines Phase 1-5, Blue Ridge Estates Units 1 & 2, Mogollon Range Unit 1 & 2, Clear Creek Pines 8 & 9, Moqui Ranchettes and Ponderosa Pines, and Camp Colley, protecting sensitive natural and cultural resources, and minimizing prolonged smoke impacts.

Tinder Fire Information: (928) 792-1666 (public) (605) 351-7914 (media) or tinderfireinfo@gmail.com

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5763/> (includes links to County Emergency Alert sign-up, etc.)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TinderFireInfo/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/TinderFireInfo>

Coconino County Recovery Info: (928) 213-2990 or (928)-679-8393, <https://www.coconino.az.gov/tinderfirerecovery>