



**SOUTHWEST AREA TYPE 1
INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 2
JOHN PIERSON - INCIDENT COMMANDER**

Bighorn Fire – June 19, 2020 Morning Update
Increase in smoke visibility today

Acres: 37,058

Percent Containment: 40%

Start Date: June 5, 2020

Injuries: 3 minor heat-related illnesses

Jurisdiction: Coronado National Forest, including portions of the Pusch Ridge Wilderness

Resources: 8 hotshot crews, 12 Type 2 hand crews, 2 Type 1 engines, 27 Type 3 engines, 4 Type 4 engines, 31 Type 6 engines, 3 Type 1 helicopters, 1 Type 2 helicopter, 2 Type 3 helicopters, 11 water tenders, 6 bulldozers

Cause: Lightning

Origin Location: Santa Catalina Mountains

Personnel: 924

Due to lower wind speeds, smoke will be more settled and visible in the communities around the fire area. Today's weather will exemplify a typical June Southern Arizona day, with temperatures around 100 degrees, low humidity and mild winds.

Fire managers expect growth to the northeast in Cañada del Oro and Alder Canyons today. Crews working south of Oracle and San Manuel will tie in containment lines today, in preparation for additional firing operations this evening. Firefighters on Mt. Lemmon are using all available tools, including controlled burning, to protect the communities along the Catalina Highway.

As the high winds that had been keeping the fire burning up on Samaniego Ridge and at the top of Ventana Canyon subside, the public can expect to see fire move downslope at a moderate pace. The fire still has a long way to move before crews can successfully engage it on flat ground.

Wildfires are a No Drone Zone. If you fly, we can't. A temporary flight restriction is in place over the fire area.

Evacuation Notices

GO – Evacuate	SET – Be Alert	READY – Prepare Now
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mt. Bigelow & Lower Soldier HOA Community of Summerhaven Willow Canyon Peppersauce Canyon to Highjinks Road and Campo Bonito 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community of Oracle Portions of East Golder Ranch Catalina Foothills between Alvernon Way and Sabino Canyon Road, North of Skyline Drive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oro Valley area from Catalina State Park south to Magee Road Tucson foothills area from First Avenue east to Alvernon Way

Visit pima.gov/bighorn for the most up-to-date information on evacuation notices, an interactive map, and county resources. Sign up to receive Pima County emergency alerts at myalerts.pima.gov and Pinal County alerts at pinalcountyz.gov/emergencymanagement.

Closures: The Coronado National Forest closure order includes Sabino and Bear Canyons. Catalina State Park is closed. View the closure orders and maps at inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/6741/. **Catalina Highway is closed to the public at milepost zero. Only residents and business owners may pass. Oracle Control Road is closed.**

Fire Information Phone Line: (520) 276-8981 and (520) 329-7439, 8AM-8PM

Media Phone Line: (520) 329-7640, 8AM-8PM

InciWeb: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6741/

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Smoke Outlook: wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlooks/EasternArizona

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