



Northern Rockies
Team 1

Bighorn Fire Update

June 26, 2020 Morning Update

Northern Rockies Incident Management Team

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Bighorn Fire Inciweb

Bighorn Fire Info: (520) 329-7439 & (520) 276-8981, 8AM-8PM

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Website: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6741/>

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

Smoke: <https://wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlooks/EasternArizona>

Burned Area Response: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6796/>

Weather: It will be a hot, dry and windy day. Fire activity will increase early in the day due to higher winds. High temperatures 88 degrees in the mountains, 106 in the valley. West-southwest winds 14-18 mph with gusts to 30 mph.

Yesterday's Activity: Yesterday, humidity reached the lowest levels of the season and the fire was very active near Magee Creek, Green Mountain, and Maverick Spring. During the day, crews focused on holding the fire. Overnight, burnout operations were conducted to improve the fireline near Palisades and Willow Canyon. Hold and mop up operations were east of Biosphere, southwest of Oracle, and east of Saddlebrook along Baby Jesus Trail. On the east side of the fire, dozers constructed contingency line by connecting old road systems in the Davis Spring Road area. Fire behavior was fairly quiet in Sabino Canyon yesterday and helicopters delivered bucket drops to hot spots.

Today's Activities: Priority will be focused on holding, improving, and mopping up from yesterday's burnout operations in anticipation of increasing winds today into the weekend. Contingency line construction will continue along the east side of the fire as a buffer against the Burro fire scar. Firefighters will improve the firelines around Palisades and Willow Canyon following last night's burning operations. Sabino, Rattlesnake, and Bird canyons will be closely monitored as fire activity continues to decrease. Two structural protection groups will provide coverage in the Summerhaven and Saddlebrook areas. South of Oracle, the north side of the fire will be in mop up and patrol status. An initial attack group will be available for new fire starts.

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

Evacuation Notices: Visit pima.gov/bighorn or pinalcountyaz.gov/emergencymanagement

GO - Evacuate	SET – Be Alert	READY – Prepare Now
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mt. Bigelow & Lower Soldier HOA Community of Summerhaven Willow Canyon Lower Catalina Highway/Lower Mt. Lemmon Communities from Organization Ridge Road to South Willow Canyon 	<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 Peppersauce Canyon to Highjinks Road and Campo Bonito 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oro Valley area from Catalina State Park south to Magee Road Catalina foothills areas from First Avenue to Alvernon Way

Sign up to receive emergency alerts at myalerts.pima.gov or pinalcountyaz.gov/emergencymanagement.

A temporary flight restriction is in place over the fire area. If you fly, we can't. knowbeforeyoufly.org.

Closures: Sabino Canyon, Bear Canyon, and Catalina State Park are closed. Closures and maps at inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/6741/. 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>

