



Northern Rockies
Team 1

Bighorn Fire Update

June 24, 2020 Morning Update
Northern Rockies Incident Management Team



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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: Today's temperatures will be the highest, near 108, so far this year with low relative humidity and light terrain winds.

Yesterday's Activity: Fire behavior was active yesterday with smoke and flames visible from many areas. Ground and structure protection crews successfully held and reinforced line in the Summerhaven and Willow Canyon areas. The fire crossed into upper Sabino Canyon. Crews patrolled and improved containment lines along the southern flank. The fire backed down off Samaniego Ridge closer to lighter fuels where crews can safely engage. Aerial and ground firing operations focused on the Rice Peak and Oracle Ridge areas south of Oracle.

Today's Activities: With today's high temperatures, fire activity is expected to be active and smoke columns and flames may be visible. Crews will work to reinforce firelines in the Summerhaven and Willow Canyon areas. Aerial resources will check fire spread into Sabino and upper Lemmon canyons, and ground crews will scout for areas where they can safely engage. The south end of Ventana and Esperero canyons will be patrolled. The northern/northwest containment lines will continue to be improved with helicopters being used for aerial firing operations, including the Charouleau Gap area east of Saddlebrook.

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

Incident Statistics	
Location:	Santa Catalina Mountains
Size:	75,574 acres
Containment:	33%
Injuries:	4 minor
Date detected:	June 5, 2020
Cause:	Lightning
Estimated cost	\$21.7 MM
Resources	
Hand Crews:	20
Dozers:	6
Engines:	81
Water-tenders:	19
Helicopters:	10
Personnel:	876

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 m Catalina State Park south to Magee Road Catalina foothills areas from First Avenue to Alvernon Way

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

Closures: The Coronado National Forest closure order includes Sabino and Bear Canyons. Catalina State Park is 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 also closed.

National Forest conditions: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/coronado/alerts-notice>

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