



Northern Rockies
Team 1

Bighorn Fire Update

June 25, 2020 Morning Update
Northern Rockies Incident Management Team



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

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

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: Weather is expected to be hot and dry today and continue through Friday. Winds along ridges are expected to increase to 15-20 mph this afternoon. Winds speeds are predicted to be in this range through Friday.

Yesterday's Activity: Crews prioritized structure protection and fireline reinforcement in Summerhaven and Willow Canyon areas. Firing operations were conducted off the Catalina Highway near Spencer Peak, the Charouleau Gap area east of Saddlebrook and southeast of Biosphere 2.

Today's Activities: In the Summerhaven area, crews will mop up and hold containment lines and focus on structure protection. Fireline off the Catalina Highway near Spencer Peak and Spencer Canyon will be improved. Crews will continue firing operations to extend the containment line south from Biosphere 2. The fire backing off Samaniego Ridge will be monitored. Crews will scout for contingency line opportunities if needed east of the fire off of Davis Spring Road. Medium and heavy helicopter bucket drops will be used to slow fire spread and limit fire intensity in Sabino Canyon. Firefighters in Sabino Canyon will direct helicopter bucket drops and scout for areas to safely engage the fire. The fireline south of Oracle will be held and improved today. An initial attack group is available to respond to new fire starts in the area.

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

Incident Statistics	
Location:	Santa Catalina Mountains
Size:	81,702 acres
Containment:	33%
Injuries:	7 minor
Date detected:	June 5, 2020
Cause:	Lightning
Estimated cost	\$24.4 MM
Resources	
Hand Crews:	
22	Dozers: 6
	Water-tenders:
Engines: 79	10
Helicopters: 10	Personnel: 1072

Evacuation Notices: Visit pima.gov/bighorn or pinalcountyz.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 pinalcountyz.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-notice](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/coronado/alerts-notice)

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