



SOUTHWEST AREA TYPE 1 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 2

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Rafael Fire Evening Update – June 28, 2021

The next scheduled virtual community meeting will be Wednesday, June 30 at 6 p.m. on the Incident Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RafaelFireInfo/>

Acres: 78,708

Percent Containment: 59%

Date/Time Detected: Friday, 06/18/2021 at 1927 MST

Structures Damaged/Destroyed: 0

Number of Personnel: 596

Cause: Lightning

Origin/Location: 4 miles north of Perkinsville

Tonight smoke is expected to settle into the Chino and Verde Valleys as well as the Williams area. Smoke forecasts are available at [Wildfire Smoke Forecast | ADEQ Arizona Department of Environmental Quality \(azdeq.gov\)](#) and <https://fires.airfire.org/outlooks/NorthCentralArizona>.

Today on the north side of the fire, firefighters continued to be heavily engaged in securing the fire with patrol and mop up activities. All perimeter firing operations have been substantially completed, but smoke from burning interior fuels will continue for a few days. With the potential for spot fires caused from pockets of unburned fuel, firefighters remain diligent in their efforts to keep the fire within its control lines.

On the south side of the fire, a helicopter assisted hand crews with firefighting activities in Sycamore Basin. Structure protection crews continued monitoring values at risk to prevent damage. Firefighters are prepared for initial attack over the next few days as the probability of thunder storms and lightning increases. As containment increases some crews and equipment are no longer needed, and will be released for reassignment or rest and recuperation.

Due to the decrease in fire activity and increased fire containment, there will only be a morning update beginning tomorrow, June 29.

Evacuation status as of 6 p.m. June 28 (Notifications are in place until status is rescinded or changed by each respective County Sheriff's Office):

"GO" in Coconino County Sycamore Canyon.

"SET" – In Yavapai County, Loy Ranch

"READY" -- in Coconino County, Garland Prairie South and Garland Prairie North, South of Williams, Sherwood Forest, Camp Navajo, West of I-17 south of 1-40, Westwood Estates, Flagstaff Ranch (including W.L. Gore), Mountain Dell, Pine Del, Forest Highlands, Kachina Village, University Heights, Equestrian Estates, Upper Oak Creek Canyon, West Fork, Lower Oak Creek Canyon, and in Yavapai County, Grey Ranch, Windmill Ranch, Bear Mountain and Sedona.

Information about evacuation status can be found on the Coconino County Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/CoconinoCounty> and at the Yavapai County Sheriff's Department Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/YavapaiCountySheriff/> Maps of evacuation status in Coconino County can be found at: [CoconinoCounty Situational Awareness Viewer \(arcgis.com\)](#)

It's fire season in Northern Arizona. Residents in Northern Arizona should be Ready. <https://ein.az.gov/ready-set-go>
Full forest closures are in effect on the Kaibab National Forest, Coconino National Forest, and Prescott National Forest
[Coconino National Forest - Alerts & Notices \(usda.gov\)](#) [Kaibab National Forest - Alerts & Notices \(usda.gov\)](#)
and [Prescott National Forest - Alerts & Notices \(usda.gov\)](#)

All Arizona State Trust lands are closed effective Friday, June 25 at 8:00 a.m. [Fire Restrictions and Closures Across Arizona | Department of Forestry and Fire Management \(az.gov\)](#)

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