



## Southwest Area Incident Management Team

For Immediate Release

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### Summer Houses Remain Threatened as Firefighters Continue Suppression Efforts

For the past 48 hours of intense fire activity on Mt. Graham, firefighters, aided by persistent air attack, continued their efforts to hold the fire north of Mt. Graham, but the summer houses remain threatened. In some places on the east perimeter, spotting has occurred over the fire line and crews have been successful in extinguishing these smaller fires. The most critical area today is on the southeast corner above Turkey Flat where firefighters will attempt to slow down the progress of the fire by completing burn out operations.

On Heliograph Peak, fire severely damaged two structures, including an old fire tower and a communications outbuilding. Although the actual towers did not sustain damage, it appears that the electronic equipment operating those towers may have been damaged causing a disruption in communications for several private companies and government agencies. Due to burnout operations occurring yesterday along the road to the towers, fire officials did not allow a communication inspection group to enter the area. They plan to let this group survey the site tomorrow.

Today, crews will attempt to burn out an area north of Columbine. Thus far, wind conditions have been unfavorable for crews to complete this operation.

A complete fire line is now in place around the Mt. Graham International Observatory.

**Community Meeting Friday July 9** The Southwest Area Incident Management Team will host a community meeting Friday in the gymnasium of Ruth Powell School, located at 1041 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Fire personnel will provide information and maps on the fire activity within the Nuttall Complex.

**For more information, call the Nuttall Fire Complex Information Office**  
(928) 348-9425, (928) 348-0261, or (928) 348-4683 - Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Visit our website: [www.fireteam-sw.com/oltrogge/incidents/nuttall](http://www.fireteam-sw.com/oltrogge/incidents/nuttall)**

#### TODAY'S FIRE FACTS

**Acreage: Nuttall Fire 9,029 Gibson Fire 15,899 Complex Total: 24,928**

**25% Contained**

**Cost To Date: \$5.8 million Total Personnel Assigned: 891**

**Resources: 18 Type 1 "Hotshot" Crews, 4 Type 2 Crews  
11 Helicopters, 32 Engines, 5 Dozers, 18 Water Tenders  
2 MAFFS (Military Modular Airborne Firefighting System airtankers)**

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