



Southwest Area Incident Management Team

For Immediate Release

July 6, 2004 11 a.m.

Smoke and Fire Activity Expected to Increase Today

Fire activity today in the Nuttall Fire Complex is expected to increase in the areas of Noon Creek, Frye Canyon, and Left-Hand Canyon.

Crews on the **Gibson Fire** continued to construct fireline and initiated burnout operations by late afternoon on Monday. Structure protection actions were implemented around Heliograph Peak. Today crews will continue to construct and improve handline, and continue burnout operations around the Mount Graham International Observatory. Firefighters will continue structure protection and burnout operations as opportunities and weather will allow in other areas, including Turkey Flats.

Crews strengthened all lines on the **Nuttall Fire** on Monday, and burnout operations continued on the south side of the fire toward Webb Peak. Crews came off the line again on Monday along the southwest flank of the fire, due to increased fire behavior. Today crews will continue structure protection and firing operations in the Columbine area.

Two airtankers (P3 Orions) were sent to the fire on Monday afternoon and made retardant drops at Marijilada Canyon, before being sent to initial attack operations on a new fire in the Gila National Forest in New Mexico.

Second Community Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, July 7

The Southwest Area Incident Management Team will hold the next community meeting tomorrow at the Ruth Powell School (1041 14th Ave) beginning at 6 p.m. Fire personnel will provide the most current information and maps on the activity of the Nuttall Fire Complex.

For more information, call the Nuttall Fire Complex Information Office at (928) 348-9425 or (928) 348-0261 - Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Visit our website: www.fireteam-sw.com/oltrogge/incidents/nuttall

Today's Fire Facts

Acres:	Nuttall Fire 7,424	Gibson Fire 8,343	Nuttall Complex Total: 15,767
Containment to Date:	10%	Cost To Date: \$2.7million	Total Personnel Assigned: 837
Resources:	18 Type 1 "Hotshot" Crews, 4 Type 2 Crews		
	11 Helicopters, 16 Engines, 5 Dozers, 15 Water Tenders		
	2 MAFFS (Military Modular Airborne Firefighting System airtankers)		

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