

Nuttall Fire Complex	Fire  Update	Type III Incident Management Team
July 18, 2004 8:00 am	BAER & Fire Information Center: (928) 428-7897	
For Immediate Release	Web updates: http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire	

Fire Statistics

Date Started: Nuttall 6/26/04 Gibson 6/22/04 Estimated Date of Containment: 7/18/04	Causes of Ignition: Lightning	Location: Mt. Graham, approximately 15 miles southwest of Safford, Arizona
Size: 29,400	Percent Containment: 95%	Estimated Cost to Date: \$10,279,938
Personnel: 331	Aircraft: 2 helicopters	Equipment/Crews: 3 - Crews, 3- Engines, 1- Dozer, 4 - Tenders

Nuttall Complex Transitions to Type III Incident Command

(Safford, AZ) July 18, 2004 – With the Nuttall Complex mop-up and rehabilitation work winding down, the fire command was transitioned yesterday to a scaled-back Type III organization. This organization will continue to monitor fire activity in the Ash Creek drainage, where the fire is creeping on the ground in large pockets of unburned fuel. They will also patrol for and mop-up any smokes near the firelines.

“People should expect to see smoke on the mountain for some time,” said incoming Incident Commander Kris Condos. “Without a wetting rain across the entire burn area, there will continue to be fire activity in isolated islands of unburned fuel across the mountain.”

It is the risk associated with this fire activity, along with the risks from dangerous snags, smoldering logs and falling trees that have led to the closure of all areas within the fire. Highway 366 and the developed campgrounds along Highway 366 will reopen Monday. Maps of the closure area are available from the Safford Ranger District, Highway 70 and S. 5th Avenue.

Today’s Fire Plan:

Crews will patrol the fire’s perimeter from both the ground and air.

BAER Team Activity: **Public Meeting Scheduled for Monday, July 19th*******

The BAER Team will hold a public meeting on Monday, July 19, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sunset Room at the Manor House Convention Center, 415 E. Highway 70. This meeting will discuss the BAER team’s finding and their suggestions for mitigation activities.

PLEASE NOTE:

The information number for the Nuttall Fire Complex has changed. BAER team members will be available to answer questions about the fire’s status. Please call them at 928-428-7897.

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