

Nuttall Fire Complex	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Fire  Update</h1>	Winchester's Incident Management Team
July 16, 2004 8:00 am	Fire Information Center: (928) 348-9425	
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: 80%	Estimated Cost to Date: \$9,790,892
Personnel: 413	Aircraft: 3 helicopters	Equipment/Crews: 5 - Crews, 12- Engines, 1- Dozer, 6 - Tenders

Fire Crews Continue Patrol and Mop-up on Nuttall Complex

(Safford, AZ) July 16, 2004 – Fire crews continued to patrol and mop-up the 60-mile-long black-lined perimeter of the Nuttall Fire Complex yesterday. In addition to the mop-up activities, crews continued to backhaul many miles of fire hose off the mountain.

“I’m proud of the work our fire crews have done so far,” said Operations Section Chief Lawrence Garcia. “But there is more work ahead. This is a long fireline, and we want it to hold.”

Yesterday, the fire received varying amounts of rain. Crews were able to continue their mop-up, patrol and rehabilitation work. Minimal fire activity was again observed on some interior hotspots along Ash Canyon. For the safety of firefighters and the public, State Highway 366 will be closed to the public until Monday, July 19, 2004 at 6:00 a.m.

Today’s Fire Plan:

Crews will continue to mop-up the fire’s perimeter and patrol from both the ground and air. Rehabilitation work will continue on dozer lines and safety zones along the southern perimeter of the fire. Weather forecasts call for the possibility of thunderstorms over the fire in the afternoon.

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

Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team members are making good progress in the assessment of burn severity and the mapping of areas with the most likely potential for some form of corrective action.

Results of the individual team members’ assessments will be presented at the BAER public meeting, to be held Monday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m. The location for the meeting is Manor House Convention Center, 415 E. Highway 70, Sunset Room.

For BAER Information, please call 928-428-7897

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

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