



**FLAGSTAFF FIRE DEPARTMENT
&
SUMMIT FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT**



WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

5/21/18

CURRENT SITUATION:

Fire Danger: VERY HIGH

Preparedness Level: Region - 3 National - 2

Regional Description – Resources within some local dispatch areas are short, requiring frequent mobilization of additional SW and national resources. Large fires occurring frequently and potential for IMT mobilization is regularly present. Fire behavior is escalating and of concern to multiple agencies and fire managers.

National Description - Several Geographic Areas are experiencing high to extreme fire danger. Wildland fire activity is increasing and large fires are occurring in one or more Geographic Areas. Minimal mobilization of resources from other Geographic Areas is occurring. There is moderate commitment of national resources with the potential to mobilize additional resources from other Geographic Areas.

RESTRICTIONS and CLOSURES IN-PLACE:

Coconino National Forest –Campfire ban in the Mt. Elden/Dry Lake Hills area remains in place. Forest-wide Stage 2 restrictions in effect.

State –Stage 2 restrictions in effect.

City –Stage 2 in effect.

County –Stage 2 restrictions in effect across county, to include Summit Fire & Medical District

OVERALL CONDITIONS:

1. **Resource availability** – Adequate at this time: out-of-region severity resources in-place, plus City staffing one additional engine on recurring basis as daily conditions dictate.
2. **Local area** –Local conditions are at at/above historic highs for this time of year. For most agencies this past week, fire occurrence and resulting difficulty-of-control characterized as “normal/static”, although the Coconino NF reported a significant down-turn in abandoned campfires.
3. **Regional area** – Nearly all of AZ and NM continues to show elevated fire risk with resulting potential for significant fire growth.

FORECAST:

Fire Danger Trend: will remain as is and/or increase: no reduction foreseen in near future. Record temperatures expected by weekend. Critical fire weather conditions persist, and will bump up into *Fire Weather Watch* or *Red Flag Warning* conditions on a repetitive basis over next few weeks.

Preparedness Level Projection: Regionally, should expect to increase to PL4 in near future.

Restrictions/Closures Planned: **Stage 3 Restriction (Area Closures) on specific areas of the Coconino NF (see map on back) and Stage 3 Restrictions within the City will begin on Wed, May 23rd, at 8:00 am.** At the same time, the State will close all State lands within the area. The County is weighing options and may implement additional restrictions at the same time. [NOTE- At this time, there is no discussion about implementing State 4 (a Forest Closure of entire forest)].

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