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Subject: New - Gentry Fire 5 miles from Forest Lakes

To all Forest Lakes Residents and Friends ---

A new fire, the Gentry Fire, has broken out about 5 miles SE of Forest Lakes. Here are details as we have them up to date and time. Take note of the forest roads that will be closed before you set out on a ride this week-end. Will send out updated information as we receive it.

From our District Ranger Christopher James.....

8:21 AM -The Gentry Fire is currently 80 acres and is located in Navajo County. No structures are currently threatened. A Black Mesa District Type 3 Fire team will be working the Gentry Fire through the 4th of July weekend. This fire is located just south of Gentry Lookout and north of Black Canyon Lake, between Forest Roads (FR) 300 and 86. We expect 150 firefighters working on the fire. The fire is expected to grow to 400 acres after burnout operation. The fire will disrupt camping and recreation use in this area for the 4th of July weekend.

To secure public and firefighter safety, access to the area will be closed during the fire. **Road closures will occur at (FR) 86 road at Baca Meadows and at Forest road 300/86 junction. The 300 South road will also be closed at the 300/86 road junction and at the 487/300 junction to the east. Public access to Black Canyon Lake will also be closed.**

11:49 AM - An update on the Gentry Fire. The Forest Service has ordered a local Type 3 Fire Team. They are scheduled to take over the fire at 1800 today.

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News Release

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Gentry Fire

June 29, 2017 11:00 a.m.

Location:

- Black Mesa Ranger District of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests
- Navajo County, Arizona
- 5 miles southeast of Forest Lakes, 10 miles southwest of Heber/Overgaard.

Start Date: 6/28/2017

Size: 100 acres
personnel

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Dead and down (the old
Lookout

Rodeo/Chediski burn area) and brush

Percent Contained: 0

Resources Assigned: 50 – 60

Growth Potential: Moderate

Structures Threatened: Gentry

Summary: Transitioning to White Mountain Zone Type 3 Team at 2:00 p.m. today, Incident Commander will be Matt Bullmore. Fire managers plan to employ a suppression strategy on the fire. Crews are performing structure protection around the Gentry Lookout today. They have hand line to the west of the fire, dozer line to the east, FR 300 is being used as the holding line to the south, and FR 86 to the north. Potential for growth on the east side of the fire, west side is holding well. If conditions allow there will be an approximate burn out of 400 acres this evening. It is anticipated that the Gentry Fire will help clean up much of the dead and down material left by the Rodeo/Chediski Fire, thereby reducing the future probability of high-intensity wildfire and its potentially severe and negative fire effects.

A closure order is currently being established for the fire area. Details regarding the closure area will be provided as soon as they are available. FR 86 and possibly sections of FR 300 will be closed to ensure public safety and allow fire fighters to effectually suppress the fire.

Additional information sources, including maps, will be provided as soon as they are available.

From Judy