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With apologies for sending another update so quickly, but just received TODAY's update:

Today winds are expected to increase, becoming gusty this afternoon. Focus will remain on the perimeter of the fire, monitoring for hot spots and mopping up where appropriate. In cold areas of the fire, crews will begin rehab of interior dozer lines and mitigation of hazardous trees.

Weather: A weak low pressure trough will move into the area today, bringing partly cloudy skies and gusty southwest winds by this afternoon. Very dry conditions will continue with near normal temperatures. There is a slight chance of high-based afternoon thunderstorms across the Mogollon Rim.

Smoke may continue to impact Heber-Overgaard and State Route 260 at times.
Containment: 30%

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From: Forest Lakes News [mailto:flnews@cox.net]
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Subject: Gentry Fire Update

Welcome to several new Residents who are joining the Forest Lakes E-Blasts for the first time.

Here is the latest Gentry Fire Update:

Gentry Fire Daily Update 7/01/2017

Fire crews made excellent progress on the fire yesterday (6/30/2017). Utilizing dozer lines, hand lines, existing roads, and burn-out operations, fire crews were able to complete and reinforce a control line around the entire fire perimeter. Friday evening crews continued to reinforce the control lines with burn out operations. The term "burn out" refers to introducing fire inside a control line to consume flammable fuels located between the edge of the main fire and the control line.

Today's operations will focus on holding, monitoring, and mop-up, removing or extinguishing remaining flammable material along or near the control line.

The following closures remain in effect on the Black Mesa Ranger District: (Forest Order 01-17-601):

- Forest Road 300 south from Forest Road 86 to 487 (near Turkey Springs)
- Brookbank Dispersed Camp area

- Forest Road 86 from Forest Road 300 to Baca Meadow including dispersed camp areas near Black Canyon Lake
- Black Canyon Lake Recreation Area
- Black Canyon Rim Campground
- Gentry Campground
- Hangman Trail

The Apache-Sitgreaves remains in Stage 1 fire restrictions. No fires, no charcoal, and no smoking outside of developed (fee for use) campgrounds.

Details about the fire:

Discovered: June 28, 2017

Location: 12 miles southwest of Heber, AZ and 4 miles southeast of Forest Lakes, AZ near Black Canyon Lake on the Black Mesa Ranger District, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests

Start Date: June 28, 2017

Percent contained: 10%

Size: 400 acres

Cause: Lightning

Vegetation: Dead and down, ponderosa pine and brush

Personnel Assigned: 212 including 2 hotshot crews, 6 Hand-crews, 2 Bulldozers, 4 water tenders, 1 type 1 helicopter, 1 type 3 helicopter, 4 engines

Structures Threatened: Gentry Fire Tower and Gentry Campground

Overview: The fire was reported Wednesday afternoon June 28, 2017. Initial attack on the fire was hindered by rugged terrain and heavy dead and down fuels within the 2002 Rodeo-Chediski Fire scar.

Community: Smoke is expected to impact Heber-Overgaard and State Route 260 through the weekend and may be heavy at times. The fire is not a direct threat to the community and will not impact the holiday activities planned by the Heber Overgaard Chamber of Commerce.

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