



Coconino County SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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SUBJECT: *Evacuation Orders Lifted for Crater Estates, Moon Crater, West Alpine Ranchos, Private Property Along Hwy 89 From Wupatki Trails to Sacred Mountain Trading Post*

Flagstaff, AZ – The Coconino County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the following areas will be downgraded from "GO" to "SET" status. The areas identified as Crater Estates, Moon Crater, West Alpine Ranchos, the Private Properties along Hwy 89 north from Wupatki Trails to Sacred Mountain Trading Post will be downgraded from "GO" to "SET" status. It is important to note that much of the National Forest Land in that area remains closed due to the Coconino National Forest Emergency Fire Closure Order.

In addition, the following areas will be downgraded from "SET" to "READY" status: East Alpine Ranchos and Hwy 89 north from Sacred Mountain Trading Post/Medicine Valley.

It is important to note that the Coconino National Forest in the above listed area, including the Cinder Lakes OHV Area, will remain closed due to a temporary closure order from the US Forest Service. For exact location of this temporary closure order and its established boundaries please contact the US Forest Service and/or visit the official Coconino National Forest website; <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/coconino/alerts-notices/?aid=72340>. In addition to the Forest Service temporary closure order, Forest Service 545 will be closed until further notice from Highway 89 to milepost 12 through Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument.

The decision to downgrade the evacuation status was made in conjunction with the current Type I Incident Management Team who is managing the Pipeline and Haywire Fires. Due to the continued progress that firefighters have made and the weather outlook, the Incident Management Team has determined this area is no longer at risk from the limited remaining fire activity associated with the Pipeline and Haywire Fires and recommended we downgrade the impacted areas.

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office would like to take this opportunity to thank all the agencies involved in this incident from the initial attack response, evacuation and re-entry efforts association with Pipeline and Haywire Fires. Those agencies include the Coconino National Forest, Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument, Summit Fire and Medical District, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Flagstaff Police Department, Navajo County Sheriff's Office, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Arizona Department of Transportation, Coconino County Public Works Department, Coconino County Community Development, and Coconino County Health and Human Services. There are many more agencies that were involved in this incident and our thanks go out to all of those that stepped in to help our communities.

To follow the current evacuation status and for an interactive map depicting closures and other information for the Pipeline and Haywire Fires, please visit <http://ow.ly/2NII50JvzE5>.

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