



**NEWS RELEASE**  
**Wednesday, June 28, 2006**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**Highway 89A Opens to General Public Today**

Traffic through Oak Creek Canyon north of Sedona along Highway 89A will re-open to general traffic starting today at 2:00 p.m.

The Arizona Department of Transportation has inspected Highway 89A through the fire area and determined that it is safe. However, fire crews are still working in the area. The fire danger remains high in the area, and there is potential for Highway 89A or other roads in the area to be closed in the future due to public safety hazards.

Persons driving Highway 89A should drive slowly and with lights on for safety. Be alert for hazardous conditions, such as rocks or debris in the roadway. Keep your eyes on the road as you are driving and practice defensive driving techniques. Do not stop along Highway 89A in Oak Creek Canyon in designated areas or for emergency situations.

Remember as you travel Highway 89A that the Coconino National Forest remains closed to visitors. All Forest Service roads and trails are closed. Information about the Coconino National Forest can be found on the website at [www.coconinoforest.us](http://www.coconinoforest.us) or by calling 928-226-4601.

For further information on road conditions throughout the state, please call the Arizona Department of Transportation at 511 or visit their web site at [www.az511.com](http://www.az511.com).

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