



## Eastern Arizona Type 2 Incident Management Team

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### Canelo Fire Update

#### *New Start in initial attack area: Bear Fire*

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Firefighters assigned to the Canelo Fire responded to a new fire start in the Miller Peak Wilderness on the Sierra Vista Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest this morning.

The Bear Fire is located on Scott Peak at about 8,000 feet elevation and about 1 mile south of the Fort Huachuca boundary. Smoke from the fire is drifting toward Sierra Vista. The fire is currently estimated at 25 to 50 acres in size.

Three Type 1 handcrews (Hotshots) are currently being transported to the fire. Three heavy airtankers stationed at Alamogordo, NM are also responding. A Type 1 helicopter has been requested.

Individuals who planned to access the Miller Peak Wilderness for recreational opportunities today are being asked to remain out of the area for public safety reasons. There are currently no closures in effect, however that could change quickly throughout the day. Parker Canyon Lake remains open at this time, although motorists should exercise extreme caution on the narrow winding roads that go to the lake due to the presence of multiple emergency response vehicles.

Demobilization of resources assigned to the Canelo Fire has been stopped until fire managers determine what will be needed to manage the Bear Fire.

The Canelo Fire remains in patrol and monitor status today. Containment of the 4,208-acre fire is 95 percent.

A Tailgate Fire Information meeting is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. on today in the West Gate community. The meeting will be located at the intersection of Cimarron and Woodland roads. The Sonoita-Elgin Fire Department will lead the meeting. Sierra Vista Ranger District personnel and Eastern Arizona Team members will also be in attendance.