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Tanner fire on Pleasant Valley Ranger District, Tonto National Forest
Part of Hwy. 288 remains closed

Young, Ariz. (September 26, 2011 – 1900 hrs.) – Pleasant Valley Ranger District fire specialists are managing the lightning-caused Tanner wildfire, which began on August 20 near the peak of Armer Mountain in the Sierra Anchas. The size of the fire is about 4,800 acres, with the spread of today's fire to the north and east, and is 10 percent contained.

“Air support today was very effective as crews continued prep work at Workman Creek,” stated John Thornburg, Fire Management Officer. “The fire remains within our management area and continues to burn heavy pockets of fuel which prevents catastrophic wildfires in the future. We are very pleased with the fire's progress.”

A Type 3 team assumed incident management today and crews will be working overnight to take advantage of the higher relative humidity.

The smoke, driven by prevailing southeast winds, is visible in the Tonto Basin, Globe, Young, and Payson areas, or when traveling Hwy. 87 between Payson and the Valley, as well as from the northeast Valley.

Tomorrow's operation will consist of mopping up existing containment lines and continuing prep work at Workman Creek.

Hwy. 288 is closed from Reynolds Creek south to the A-Cross Road. Crews are very focused on mopping-up operations here so the road can be re-opened.

Downdraft winds from a thunderstorm off Armer Mountain pushed the fire across Hwy. 288 Saturday evening around 7 pm and the fire burned through a dispersed camping area. No campers were present and no structures were lost.

For further information, call the Pleasant Valley Ranger District offices at 928-462-4300, or stay updated at www.fs.usda.gov/Tonto. To report a wildland fire, the fire emergency number is 866-746-6516, or dial 9-1-1.

For general information on fire activity and restrictions in Arizona call toll free 877-864-6985, or visit the. **Southwest Coordination Center website:** <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/> or <http://www.publiclands.org/firenews/AZ.php>

Useful Websites:

National Incident Information System www.inciweb.org
Southwest Coordination Center: <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/>
National Interagency Fire Center: www.nifc.gov
National Fire Plan: www.forestsandrangelands.gov
FireWise: www.firewise.org

ARIZONA Websites:

www.azfireinfo.com (fire prevention and restrictions)
www.publiclands.org/firenews/AZ.php (fire restrictions and other public lands information)
www.azsf.az.gov (wildfire information and Firewise)
www.azein.gov (Arizona Emergency Information Network for ALL hazard emergency and disaster information)

Fire Restriction Information: Toll free 1 (877) 864-6985

To report a wildfire, call 1-866-746-6516 or dial 911.