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Tanner fire on Pleasant Valley Ranger District, Tonto National Forest Part of Hwy. 288 remains closed Young, Ariz., September 27, 2011 - 2000 hrs.

Fire Facts

Incident Commander: Jerry Human	
Date started: 08/20/ 2011 1430 hrs	Number of personnel: 166
Location: 19 miles south of Young, Arizona Lat: 33 50' 06" Long: 111 00' 37"	Resources committed: 2 type-1 crews 4 type-2 crews 11 engines
Cause: Lightning	Aircraft: 2 helicopters
Size: 5,500 acres	Containment: 20%
Percent contained: 20	Estimated containment date:
Terrain: Steep	Estimated Cost to date: \$500,886
Fuel: Light logging slash	Closure: Stretch of Hwy. 288

Summary: 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 5,500 acres, and is 20 percent contained, with the fire spreading today mainly to the northeast.

The fire reached the Arizona Elks Youth Camp last night, but on-duty crews protected it by conducting burn-out operations between the fire and the creek to prevent the fire's spread.

The smoke 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.

Crews worked on securing a portion of the southern section and the northwestern section, concentrating on securing the Workman Creek area and the Elks Youth Camp area.

Crews will work through the night to maintain today's progress. Burn-out operations are planned for tomorrow to secure Workman Creek.

Closures: Hwy. 288 is closed from Reynolds Creek south to the A-Cross Road. Crews are also

focused on mopping-up operations here so the road can be re-opened. For further information about the road closure, please contact the Gila County Sheriff's Office: 928-474-2208, or go to www.az511.gov.

For 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

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