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Tonto National Forest, 2324 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85006 www.fs.usda.gov/Tonto

For Immediate Release
September 28, 2011 - 1700 hrs.

Contact: Fire Information Officer
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Tanner fire on Pleasant Valley Ranger District, Tonto National Forest Part of Hwy. 288 remains closed

Young, Ariz., September 28, 2011 - 1700 hrs.

Fire Facts

Incident Commander: Jeremy Human	
Date started: 08/20/ 2011 1430 hrs	Number of personnel: 185
Location: 19 miles south of Young, Arizona Lat: 33 50' 06" Long: 111 00' 37"	Resources committed: 6 crews 12 engines
Cause: Lightning	Aircraft: 2 helicopters
Size: 6,000 acres	
Percent contained: 25	Estimated containment date:
Terrain: Steep	Estimated Cost to date: \$1,040,000
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 6,000 acres, and is 25 percent contained, with the fire spreading today mainly to the northeast.

Fire activity was reduced today, resulting in less smoke. Water drops continued, but no retardant was ordered. Crews will work into the night in the Workman Creek area removing brush and establishing fire lines, as well as continuing mop-up operations on the northwest corner of the fire.

Arizona Game and Fish officials say 700 tags have been issued for the General Season Turkey Hunt which kicks off Fri., Sep. 30. Alternate travel plans may be advisable due to the continued closure of part of Hwy. 288 through this weekend. For further information, please contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 602-942-3000 or visit their website at <http://www.azgfd.gov>

Closures: Hwy. 288 is closed from McFadden (milepost 290) south to the A-Cross Road. This portion of Hwy. 288 will remain closed through the weekend. Crews continue mop-up operations to remove fallen trees and hazardous branches and limbs and to generally secure the roadway for safe vehicle passage. 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.

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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.