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## Saguaro National Park News Release

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### **SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK REOPENS RINCON MOUNTAIN DISTRICT and LIFTS FIRE RESTRICTIONS PARKWIDE AFTER TEMPORARY FIRE CLOSURES**

The Rincon Mountain District of Saguaro National Park has reopened after temporary fire closures. to trail use in both the Cactus Forest as well as up into the Rincon Mountains. Temporary fire restrictions put in place prior to the closures are also lifted. Manning Camp at the top of the Rincon Mountains has received 1.23 inches of rain since June 29<sup>th</sup>, and the Rincon Mountain District visitor center has received 1.18 inches. The recent rainfall across the park has brought key fire indices in Saguaro National Park down to pre-closure levels, and weather forecasts predict continuing humid conditions and thunder showers for the next week.

While closures were in effect, fire crews responded to one lightning-caused fire and were able to contain it to 0.1 acres. As lightning continues with monsoon weather, there is still a risk of fire in Saguaro National Park. Fire crews will remain in position to respond to any reported fire activity.

Though trails and campsites have reopened, fire officials warn that caution is still required by all who use the park backcountry. Park Management also requests equestrian users avoid use of trails immediately following rain storms when trails are wet and muddy. Horse traffic through or around mud holes damages trail surfaces as well as surrounding vegetation and habitat.

For local fire restrictions and closure information for Federal, Tribal and State lands in Arizona and New Mexico, as well as additional information on southeast Arizona public lands, visit <http://qacc.nifc.gov/swcc/>.

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