



Saguaro National Park News Release

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FIRE CREW CONTAINS JACKALOPE FIRE DEER HEAD FIRE ACTIVITY REDUCED

Tucson, AZ –The Jackalope Fire was declared 100% contained at 2:00 pm today, but firefighters will continue to monitor the area until it is determined to be 100% controlled. The fire perimeter has now been mapped, and indicates a total of 30 acres were burned. The fire never reached lower elevation desert habitats.

The lightning ignited Deer Head Fire has grown to 850 acres. A small amount of growth occurred Friday on the southeast section of the fire, adding 25 acres to the previous day's totals. On Saturday crews are continuing to monitor and patrol the fire area, and apply necessary tactics to keep the fire from moving towards Manning Camp. Crews continue to manage this fire as a natural event to allow natural processes to occur while providing renewal of vegetation, recirculation of nutrients, and increased habitat benefits to wildlife.

A combination of humidity and precipitation has kept fire activity levels low. Storms in the Rincon Mountains dropped .25 inches of rain on the fire area overnight on Friday. Although this is a small amount of rainfall, the associated moisture in the air has elevated the humidity significantly with relative humidity measurements reaching as high as 98%.

Saguaro National Park is being assisted by firefighters and personnel from a number of state and federal agencies including the State Department of Transportation, and the Arizona State Forestry Division, as well as the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service. In addition, a contract helicopter from Aero Tech of Clovis New Mexico is assigned to the fire.

The Tanque Verde Trail and Juniper Basin Campground will remain closed for now. Additionally, Rincon Mountain District backcountry closures will remain in effect for the duration of the Deer Head Fire to ensure public safety.

For additional fire information visit: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/> or: <http://Facebook.com/SaguaroNationalPark> or call the Fire Information Hotline at (520) 733-5150.