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THURSDAY MORNING UPDATE ON SAN JUAN FIRE ON THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Sells, AZ --- A fire burning on the mountain range west of Kitt Peak on the Tohono O'odham Nation is now approximately 1,500 acres with zero percent containment. No structures have been damaged.

There are approximately 100 personnel assigned to the fire. Authority to manage the fire has been delegated to a Type III Incident Management Organization. Five engines, a helicopter, and three hand crews are at the scene and working to contain the fire.

State Route 86 from Tucson to Ajo remains open. However, State Route 386 to Kitt Peak is still closed to non-essential personnel. Authorities have asked that media and others refrain from traveling to the fire due to the remoteness of the location.

Aircraft will be working today to map the fire and determine its distance from Kitt Peak.

For more information on the status of the San Juan fire, please contact Pete Delgado at (520) 383-2028.

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