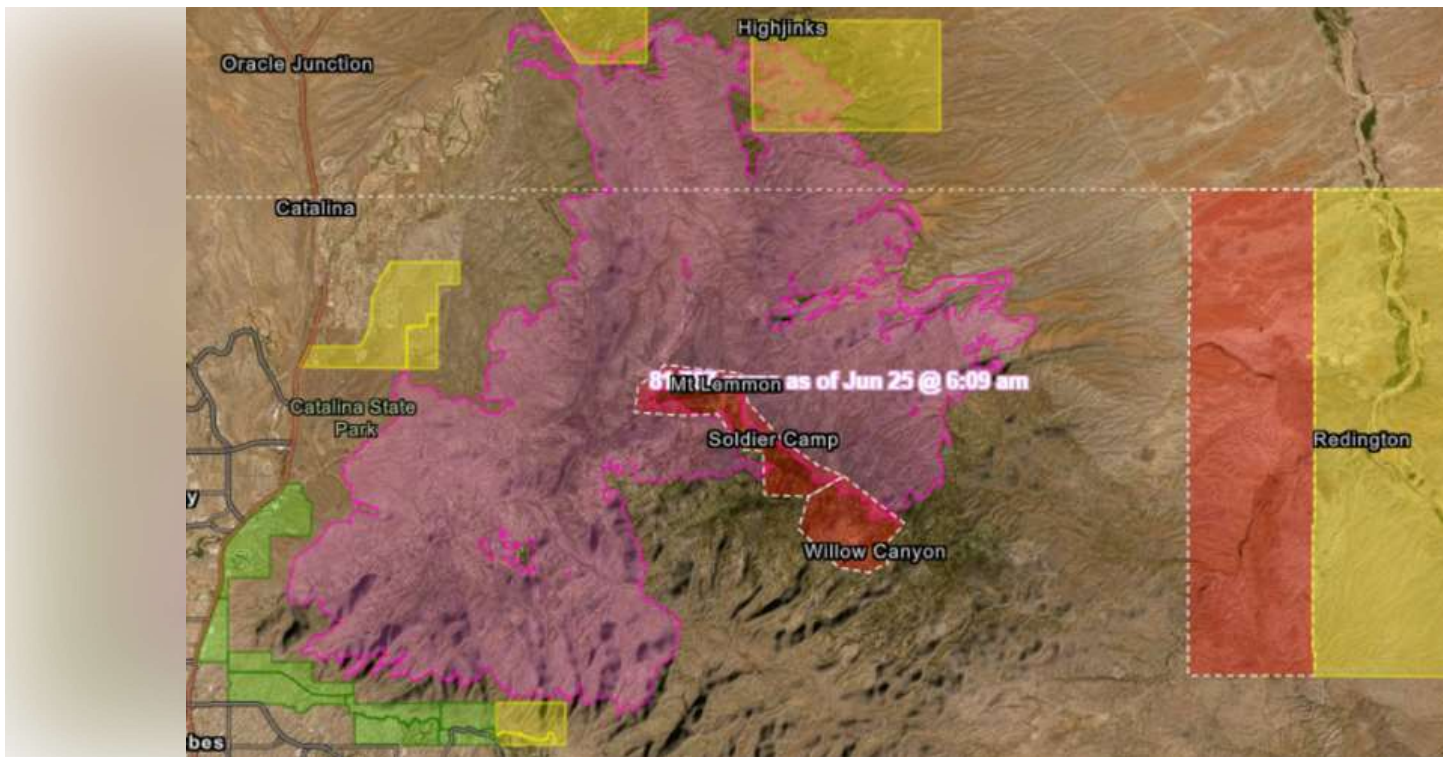


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## Bighorn Fire now 45 percent contained; burning 104,690 acres

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By Anthony Victor Reyes

TUCSON (KVOA) - It has been three weeks since lightning strike ignited the wildfire in the Santa Catalina Mountains.

The Bighorn Fire has burned more than 104,690 acres. Currently, the fire is still 45 percent contained.

The blaze is now larger than the Aspen Fire (84,750) which destroyed 340 home and buildings on Mt. Lemmon and caused over \$4 million in damage.

No structures have yet been lost in the Bighorn Fire which now has 1,168 people working to contain it.

A remote area east of the town of Redington went under the GO evacuation order on Friday. The evacuation zone is on the eastern slope of the Catalina Mountains south of the Pima County line.

The southern boundary does not follow any specific road. Redington Rd will be closed at the end of the pavement.

The Pima County Sheriff's Department believes there may only be one ranch in the new GO zone but the area is a popular recreation spot for camping and four-wheeling.

Officials say winds will push smoke towards the northeast over the next couple of days. This will give the Tucson area a break from the haze. However, it will now affect the communities northeast of Tucson.

The Northern Rockies Incident Management Team is also keeping an eye on thunderstorms forecasted for Saturday in Cochise County.



'Thank you, Firefighters' sign at Catalina State Park on Friday, June 26, 2020.

A lot of smoke was reported near Saddlebrook Thursday. Crews chose not to use air support as the fire was burning at a low intensity through grass fuel.

Crew continue to monitor the north side of the fire. They added more buffer zones to protect those communities.

## EVACUATION NOTICES:

### **GO - Evacuate:**

- Southern Catalina Foothills, Catalina Highway on the western border and Redington Road on the east
- Redington community bordered by county lines on north and east
- East slope of the Catalina Mountains south of the Pima County line and west of the community of Redington
- Mt. Lemmon
- Summerhaven
- Mt. Bigelow
- Lower Catalina Highway/Lower Mt. Lemmon Communities from Organization Ridge Road to South Willow Canyon

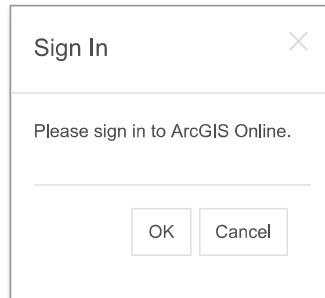
### **SET - Be Alert:**

- Southern Catalina Foothills, bounded by Forest Service boundary on the west and County line on the east

### **READY - Prepare Now:**

- Community of Oracle
- Portions of east Golder Ranch area
- Catalina foothills areas east of Kolb Road within northern areas of Ventana Canyon neighborhoods
- Peppersauce Canyon to Highjinks Road and Campo Benito
- Oro Valley areas from Catalina State Park south to Magee Road
- Catalina foothills areas from First Avenue to Alvernon Way
- Catalina Foothills between Alvernon Way and Kolb Road, north of Skyline Drive

The Coronado National Forest closures include: Sabino and Bear canyons and Catalina State Park.

**RESOURCES:**

2020 Bighorn Fire Story Map - How far is the fire from you?

**Fire Information Phone Line:** (520) 276-8981 and (520) 329-7439, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sign up to receive emergency alerts at [myalerts.pima.gov](https://myalerts.pima.gov).

View the closure order and map at [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/6741/](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/6741/).

If you're located in Pinal County, visit [pinalcountyz.gov/emergencymanagement](https://pinalcountyz.gov/emergencymanagement)

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