

## Arizona Central West Zone Incident Management Team

## **Canyon Complex Update**

Wednesday, July 30, 2008, 7:00 a.m.

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Firefighters on the Rich Fire worked through the night in an effort to establish an anchor point, a position from which they can begin to contain the fire without the risk of the fire moving around behind them. Helicopters provided air support until dark. Fire behavior moderated during the night.

Estimated at approximately 2,424 acres, the fire moved through Rich Gulch up to Cherry Hill. Firefighters worked to protect structures, removing excess fuels around them and attacking the fire directly with water and hand tools. Two outbuildings were lost.

Today, 350 firefighters, primarily drawn from the Canyon Complex, are working on the Rich Fire today. This includes 12 crews and 16 engines, along with other support equipment and personnel.

With fire on both sides of the road, Highway 70 remains closed between Rich Bar and the Greenville 'Y'.

The community of Meadow Valley is not threatened.

The fire, previously referred to as the Rich Bar Fire, was renamed the Rich Fire for the purpose of ease of identification during radio communications.

Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

For more information see <u>www.inciweb.org</u>.

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