

Wildfire Awareness Initiative

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Wildfire Contingency Plan — ZIP Code 85929 (Fort Apache, AZ)

Date: Current as of latest available updates

Situation Overview

Multiple wildfires are currently burning within regional proximity to ZIP code 85929, producing heavy smoke and creating a high probability of evacuation or shelter-in-place orders. While not all fires are an immediate direct threat, their cumulative smoke impact is significant and can affect health, visibility, and operations. The situation requires readiness for:

1. **Evacuation with students on campus**
2. **Evacuation when students are at home**
3. **Shelter-in-place if roads are closed or unsafe**
4. **Continuity of instruction during disruption**
5. **Possible use of school facilities by Incident Command**

Primary concern: **Smoke exposure**

Secondary concern: **Direct fire threat**

Current Wildfires Affecting the Region

Fire Name	Location / Distance	Acres Burned	Containment Status
Bronco Fire	~30 miles NE of San Carlos, AZ; San Carlos Apache Reservation	~17,997	0%
Billy Fire	~15 miles S of Young, AZ; ~60 miles E of Payson	12,238	16%
Four Diamond Tank Fire	Likely Fort Apache area	< 4	Contained
Maverick Fire	~10 miles W of Bylas, AZ	~750	0% (forward progress stopped)
Diamond Butte Fire	Apache County, near East Fork, AZ	10	Not available
Lookout Fire	~18 miles SW of Alpine, AZ	~300	Not available
Steer Fire	No recent public data available	—	—

Key Observations

- **Bronco Fire:** Largest and most concerning for growth; 0% containment. Smoke drifting into multiple communities.
- **Billy Fire:** Second largest; 16% containment but still generating heavy smoke.
- **Maverick Fire:** Smaller in acreage but no containment; forward progress recently halted.

- **Four Diamond Tank Fire:** Contained but highlights the ongoing risk of new ignitions.
- **Diamond Butte, Lookout, Steer Fires:** Smaller but contributing to cumulative smoke exposure.

I. Evacuation Preparedness

Primary Evacuation Site

- Confirm use of **Hon Dah Casino parking lot**.

Secondary/Tertiary Evacuation Sites

- Identify and secure at least two backup sites in case the primary location is compromised.

Transportation

- Keep all school vehicles **fully fueled** and on standby.
- Assign designated drivers for **students, supplies, food, water, and laptops**.

Communication

- Maintain parent notification protocols (phone, text, email, social media).
- Assign staff to liaise directly with **Incident Command** and **Forest Service**.

II. Shelter-in-Place Preparedness

Building Safety

- Close all doors and windows to reduce smoke infiltration.
- Use air filtration systems as long as power is available.

Supplies

- Maintain **abundant bottled water**.
- Store **non-perishable, ready-to-eat food** for at least 72 hours.
- Maintain **first aid kits** and **sanitary supplies** (toilet paper, hand sanitizer, feminine hygiene products, gloves, masks).

Critical Utility Impact – If Power is Cut or Shut Down

- ⚠ **Loss of Air Conditioning** — increased indoor heat risk
- ⚠ **Loss of Water Pumps** — no running water
- ⚠ **Loss of Gas Pump Access** — fuel shortages possible
- ⚠ **Loss of Refrigeration** — perishable food spoilage
- ⚠ **Loss of Lighting** — rely on flashlights and batteries
- ⚠ **Loss of Computer/Internet Access** — offline work required
- ⚠ **Loss of Banking/ATM Access** — cash may be required

III. Instructional Continuity

Laptop Distribution

- All students will be issued a **school laptop** and **clear backpack** for safe transport.

Remote Learning Platform

- Google Classroom will be used for synchronous and asynchronous instruction.
- Teachers will upload lessons in advance to ensure readiness.

Power Outage Learning Plan

- Students must **download Google Classroom assignments daily** while at school or whenever internet is available to ensure offline access if power or internet is lost.

Attendance Requirements

- Attendance must be recorded daily for instructional days to count.
- There are **no waivers** — any days missed beyond **9** will be made up in summer to meet **minimum instructional minutes**.

BIE Requirement

- Per BIE, schools must have laptops and lessons ready for immediate remote learning during emergencies.

IV. Health & Safety During Smoke Conditions

- Issue **N95 masks** to staff and students during heavy smoke events.
- Keep all doors closed and limit outdoor activity.
- Monitor the **air quality index** from official sources.

V. If Incident Command Uses School Facilities

- Identify and secure areas for their operational use.
- Coordinate to ensure safety of students, staff, and property.

VI. Community & Home Preparedness

- Keep personal vehicles fueled.
- Maintain a **go-bag** with ID, medications, cash, food, water, flashlight, batteries, clothing, and hygiene items.
- Store **3 days of water** and **non-perishable food** at home.
- Prepare for **loss of power** with flashlights, extra batteries, portable chargers, and battery-powered fans.
- Keep important documents in a waterproof/fireproof container.
- Have a **family communication plan** in case phone networks fail.
- Download **schoolwork daily** for offline access.

VII. Action Items

Immediate

1. Confirm Hon Dah Casino as primary evacuation site; secure two alternates.
2. Fuel all school and transport vehicles.
3. Complete laptop assignments and distribute clear backpacks.
4. Stockpile food, water, sanitary items, and first aid kits.
5. Train staff on evacuation and shelter-in-place protocols.
6. Provide offline Google Classroom instructions to all students.

Within 24–48 Hours

1. Issue N95 masks.
2. Test emergency notification systems.
3. Verify all teachers have uploaded Google Classroom lessons.
4. Conduct a remote learning readiness check.

Ongoing

- Monitor wildfire activity and air quality multiple times daily.
- Maintain daily readiness for rapid evacuation or shelter-in-place.