

The Great Dude Fire of 1990 Scrapbook
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Descriptive Summary

Collection Name

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Administrative Information

Historical Note

The Dude Fire began with a lightning strike in the Ponderosa Pine forest near Dude Creek about 12 miles northeast of Payson, Arizona, on June 25, 1990, at 1:15 p.m. By July 2 firefighters had contained the fire which burned 28,480 acres and 67 structures including all but 3 homes in Bonita Creek Estates and the historic Zane Grey Cabin and Haught Cabin. Six firefighters lost their lives in a violent firestorm in Walk Moore Canyon near Bonita Creek Estates, five of whom were prisoners from Perryville and the sixth their supervisor. The cost of fighting the Dude Fire grew to over \$3.1 million, with 2600 personnel from 61 crews, 10 air tankers, 14 helicopters, 12 dozers, 14 water tenders, and 31 engines being employed. Tonto National Forest, Coconino National Forest, and Apache Sitgreaves National Forest were involved, as well as private land. Twenty-five large game animals were estimated to be lost, along with 30 head of cattle. An estimated

36 mm BF (36,000,000 board feet) of timber was lost. The Dude Fire came to be known as the most destructive wildfire in Arizona History.

Scope and Content

The Great Dude Fire 1990 scrapbook contains photographs, handwritten narrative by Stanley C. Brown, news clippings, U. S. Government Printing Office background material on fires in nature, copies of documents from the fire period including Incident Objective Reports from July 2, 1990, Division Assignment Lists, Radio Communications Plans, Fire Behavior Forecasts, Evacuation Plans, Air Operations Summary, Rehabilitation Plans, a Civil rights Message from a San Carlos Apache Crew, Incident Status Summary from July 1, 1990, Safety Message, a map of the fire line on July 3, 1990 (in sections), Evacuee Entry Permit, News Releases on July 1, 1990 and July 6, 1990, A Dude Fire Closure Area Map, A special closure for the Dude Fire Area from July 11, 1990, and the pamphlet called The Story of the Dude Fire prepared by the Forest Service.

Access Terms

APS Crews	Mountain Meadow
Bachman, Sandra	Mofford, Rose
Bailey, Dan	Muechel, Bob
Beaver Valley	Myers, Gary
Blackhawk helicopter	Payson Ranger District
Bonita Creek Estates	Paxon, Jim
Bray Creek Fire	Perryville Prison
Brown, Stanley C.	Plumas Hot Shots
Cafferty, Jim	Ponderosa Pine
Carrothers, Dave	Prescott Hot Shot Crew
Cellers, Berta	Pyle Ranch
Chacon, Joseph	R Bar C Ranch
Christopher Creek	Reed, Jim
Close, Bill	Red Cross
Contreras, Alex	Ryden, Ruth
Counsellor, Beth	San Carlos Apache 'Wise One' Clan Song"
Denny, James	Schoenborn, Hans
Dryer, Carolyn	Scussel, Jeff
Dude Creek	Sibert, Jim and Ruby
Dude Fire	Springfield, Curtis
Ellis, James E.	Sumpter, Jim and Becky
Fire	Swartwood, Craig
Firefighter Statue	Tonto Creek Fish Hatchery
Flash Floods	Thompson Draw
Freedom Acres	Van Gruggen, Bill
Haught Cabin	Voight Properties
Hunt, Charlene	Walk Moore Canyon
Hunter Creek Ranch	Ward, Roger
Killebrew, Dave	Whitaker, Robert
Kimball, James	Wilders, Charles, C.
Krepps, Bob	Williams, Jerry
Kyl, John	Wirt, Steve
Licavoli, Peter	Wonder Valley
Linch, John	YCC Workers
	Zane Grey Cabin