



## United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
FORT APACHE AGENCY  
118 West Horseshoe Avenue  
Whiteriver, Arizona 85941



### **FIRE FIGHTERS DEPLOY FIRE SHELTERS ON THE CEDAR FIRE**

#### **Bureau of Indian Affairs, Wildland Fire Management**

Contact: Candy Lupe, Public Information Officer, (928) 205-5662

June 28, 2016

**Summary:** A crew was working near a flare up on the remaining uncontrolled fire line of the Cedar Fire. It is unknown at this time what may have caused a sudden change in fire activity however a portion of the crew was forced to deploy their fire shelters to protect themselves.

Current reports state that none of the firefighters received life threatening injuries and once the area cooled off they were able to walk out of the area. It is unknown how many firefighters deployed their shelters.

Medical, air and ground resources were deployed to the area to provide any assistance needed.

A shelter deployment is considered a serious incident in the wildland firefighting community and an extensive investigation will follow.

No further details are known at this time and fire officials are extremely relieved to know that there were no critical injuries to those involved in this incident.

\*end\*