

## Second week of forest fires keep Forestry crews busy

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Last week it was fires on the Mogollon Rim and Mingus Mountain that kept **Kent Bushman**, Section Leader, Forestry and Special Programs - Northwest, and **Jeff Spohn**, Section Leader, Forestry and Special Programs - Northeast, and their teams working closely with the U.S. Forest Service.

This week it's the Taylor Fire southwest of Flagstaff that's keeping them busy.

Yesterday, the Taylor Fire burned through the Coconino-Verde 230-kilovolt (kV) line and the Energy Control Center de-energized the line. The line remains out of service this morning and is expected to remain out of service until as late as Wednesday.

Forestry and Special Programs personnel work closely with Forest Service personnel and monitor a fire's proximity to APS power lines and facilities. In addition to flames damaging our lines, the smoke conducts electricity making it hazardous for fire crews to work under energized lines.

Last week the Woodchute fire on Mingus Mountain (pictured) prompted the de-energization of the company's 69-kV line. It also shut down Arizona 89A between Jerome and Prescott.

The Woodchute fire and those along the Rim are under control and are no longer a threat to APS' lines located in those areas.