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**Representative David Cook (R-8)**

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## **Representative David Cook Applauds Work of Forest Service Battling Blaze in Pinal County** *Cook Also Calls for Implementation of Healthy Forest Policies to Lessen the Impact of Forest Fires in the Future*

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative David Cook (R-8) today applauded the U.S. Forest Service for their work battling a forest fire in the Pinal Mountains near Pioneer Pass.

**“The U.S. Forest Service is doing a great job communicating with those directly impacted by this fire, and our local firefighters are doing a brave job working to contain the fire,”** said Representative Cook.

Representative Cook also called for the implementation of policies to help keep our forests clean and healthy to reduce the risk of devastating forest fires in the future.

**“The Forest Service ought to have the flexibility to move ahead with any needed recreation, grazing improvements, or other repairs to fight fires aggressively without waiting on requests from the public or permittees. Thinning our forests to keep them clean is the only way to return to fires that are a normal and healthy feature of our forests.”**

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