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Representative Blackman Urges Governor to Declare State of Emergency for Tunnel Fire in Coconino County

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative Walt Blackman today sent a letter to Arizona Governor Doug Ducey urging a State of Emergency declaration be issued relating to the Tunnel Fire which is currently burning in Coconino County. The fire, first reported on Sunday, has already burned over 16,000 acres northeast of Flagstaff, and is forcing evacuations and threatening residents, animals, and property in communities nearby.

Representative Blackman provided House members an update today on the fire's current condition and called upon members to pray for those who are affected by the fire, and for the protection of the brave firefighting response teams and volunteers working to bring it under control.

Representative Blackman said he plans to tour the fire on Thursday.

A copy of Representative Blackman's letter is attached.

Walt Blackman is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 6, which includes portions of Coconino, Yavapai, Navajo, and Gila counties. Follow him on Twitter at @BlackmanForAZ.

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The Honorable Governor Doug Ducey
Governor, State of Arizona
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
RE: State of Emergency for the Tunnel Fire

Dear Governor, Ducey:

I am writing on behalf of my constituents to request a State of Emergency declaration for the Tunnel Fire affecting communities just northeast of Flagstaff. This fire began spreading late Sunday, April 17th, and reached over 16,625 acres, destroyed 25 structures, and forced many more residents to evacuate. As I write to you, the Tunnel Fire is not contained and continues to rapidly spread due to high winds, threatening both the lives and property of countless others. A State of Emergency Proclamation would help ensure that the appropriate resources are available to help those Arizonans impacted recover and rebuild their lives once this fire has been contained and put out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Blackman".

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