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GOLDER RANCH AND NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICTS BATTLE BRUSH FIRE

Sparks from a welder were the cause of a three acre brush fire that endangered three structures in the La Cholla Air Park this afternoon. Shortly before 2:00 PM, emergency crews from Golder Ranch and Northwest Fire District were called to the community after a brush fire broke out. The fire moved quickly through ground fuels, including buffel grass. Aided by winds from the west, it quickly pushed towards houses within the community. Firefighters from the two organizations were able to quickly surround the fire and ensure that residential structures did not burn.

"This was an excellent stop by the crews on scene," stated Golder Ranch Fire Chief Randy Karrer. Personnel utilized a combination of fire apparatus including standard fire engines, brush engines, and water tenders to quickly bring the fire control. On scene crews are now in the process of ensuring that all brush within the containment area is fully extinguished, a process known as mop up.

Golder Ranch Fire would like to remind everyone as we come into the hot and dry summer months, to pay extra attention to any burning material you may be using. It is important for everyone to fully extinguish cigarettes, camp fires, and when working with welders, ensure that you have a water source close by. For more information on these and other important safety topics, please visit our website at www.grfdaz.gov

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