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## Dragon Bravo Fire becomes biggest U.S. wildfire of 2025

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The Dragon Bravo Fire, which has burned since July 4 on the Grand Canyon's North Rim, has become the largest wildfire in the continental United States in 2025.

The lightning-caused blaze has torched more than 111,970 acres of forest landscape as of August 1. Extreme fire weather — characterized by low humidity, wind gusts and heat — and rough terrain, continued to challenge fire crews, which have achieved 9% containment.

The Dragon Bravo Fire also now stands as the 10th-largest wildfire in Arizona since 1990, scorching an area more than three times the size of Phoenix, according to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. Numbers 9 and 8, the Willow and Bighorn fires, stand at 119,500 and 119,987, respectively.

Fire management reported the fire continued to push north, into the burn scar of the 2006 Warm Fire, according to the morning update for Aug. 1 posted on Inciweb, a federal wildfire tracker.

"Air resources worked to slow fire spread in that area. Night operations focused on holding

containment lines near Forest Road 610 and progressing south toward State Route 67," according to the update.

Firefighters got a slight reprieve as cloud coverage helped to moderate fire activity, the update stated.

Crews continued efforts to steer the fire away from protected areas in Grand Canyon National Park and Kaibab National Forest and to minimize the impacts to infrastructure, including the Kaibab Lodge, according to the update. Firefighters are also working to protect

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The Dragon Bravo Fire burns on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon as seen from the South Rim on July 14. MICHAEL CHOW/THE REPUBLIC

## Tucsonans raise concerns on Project Blue data center

City addresses water, energy issues ahead of crucial council meeting

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Ahead of a crucial Tucson City Council meeting on whether to allow a mega data center project to move forward, the city answered residents' questions and attempted to address their concerns at a public meeting.

Data centers, the backbone that powers the inter-

net, are facilities that store computing machines and hardware equipment. They also use millions of gallons of water and large amounts of energy.

At the meeting, many were worried about impact on natural resources, compliance with ordinances, how the company will use water, and energy usage.

The Tucson business community, University of Arizona, and the construction industry support the

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## Trump imposes tariffs amid price woes

Sweeping new import duties set to take effect in 7 days

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After months of delays, deals and anticipation, President Donald Trump imposed sweeping new tariffs on imports from around the world Aug. 1, escalating an aggressive trade policy aimed at spurring manufacturing in the United States.

The new tariff rates will go into effect in seven days.

Trump twice set earlier deadlines for new tariffs before backing down.

In April, the president and his advisers said they were confident of negotiating deals with dozens of countries. White House trade adviser Peter Navarro predicted "90 deals in 90 days." But the haul was much lighter: U.S. negotiators made eight trade deals in 120 days before Trump ordered the new tariffs.

In an interview with NBC the evening of July 31, Trump said his aggressive tariff plan will rake in "hundreds of billions of dollars, and very quickly."

Opponents have raised concerns about potential price increases from the heavy tariffs. The president dismissed those warnings. "The only price that's

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### WILD HORSE RELOCATION 3A



A plan would move horses from the Salt River area to a Scottsdale sanctuary. PATRICK BREEN/THE REPUBLIC

### Patient care deal reached

Scottsdale-based HonorHealth and Blue Cross Blue Shield announced a last-minute contract agreement that will prevent what could have been major disruptions in patient care. **7A**

### Glowing green hideaway

A look inside the hidden but not-so-secret Emerald Cave, a small grotto carved from the rocky walls of a canyon on the Colorado River. **1C**

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