

Southwest Area Incident Management Team Team 5 – Jeff Andrews – Incident Commander

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Name: Boundary Fire Reported: June 1, 2017 Cause: Lightning

Containment: 80% Size: 14,854 acres Resources: 332 personnel

Containment increases, Flagstaff gets a break from heavy smoke

Williams, Ariz., June 24, 2017—For Immediate Release. After heavy smoke in Flagstaff on Friday, the area got a reprieve early today. The air this morning was cleaner than expected in the most-populated areas of the region.

While Flagstaff got a Saturday reprieve, areas south of the fire in Williams and elsewhere near Interstate 40 were hard-hit with smoke. The region as a whole will continue to be affected over the next few days by smoke from the Boundary Fire. Some areas, including Cameron and Tuba City, may be affected by smoke from the Brian Head Fire, which is burning in southern Utah. The immediate effects from Brian Head are expected to be limited to haze, however. For more information on smoke and air quality, visit www.azdeq.gov

Firefighters had another productive day on Friday, bringing the containment to 80%. The containment success was coupled with an increase in the amount of acreage burned. The newly burned areas are within the control lines. No structures or critical resources are threatened. Crews today will continue work in the southwestern portion of the planned fire perimeter, using fire to clear fuels to limit the spread of the wildfire.

Firefighters continue to work toward incident objectives, which include keeping firefighters and the public safe; protecting private property and minimizing impacts to natural and cultural resources.

Preparations are underway to implement a suppression repair plan for the Boundary Fire. The plan calls for improving areas affected by the fire suppression activities and protecting the fire area from erosion.

For more information on the Boundary Fire, visit inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5209/. Quick updates will also be provided via Twitter at @KaibabNF and @CoconinoNF. Follow us if you would like to be updated as information is received.

Location: Approximately 17 miles northwest of Flagstaff, burning in the Kendrick Mountain Wilderness and ponderosa pine forest north and east of the Wilderness on the Coconino and Kaibab National Forests. **Closures**: Closure are still in effect for several roads around the fire perimeter. Closure Order Number 04-17-16-F, includes all or parts of Forest Roads 9005, 9023C, 91, 736, 144, 171, and 193, ending at US Highway 180. All roads and trails within the fire perimeter are closed to the public. For information about highway closures please visit azdot.gov or visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www.az511.gov.

Fire Restrictions: Kaibab National Forest Order Number 07-17-01-F (map) and Coconino National Forest Order Number 04-17-15-F. Stage 2 fire restrictions are in effect in the Coconino National Forest; the Kaibab National Forest remains in Stage 1 fire restrictions.

Trails: The following trails remain closed: Pumpkin Trail; Kendrick Mountain Trail; Bull Basin Trail and the 4th Connector Trail.