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Crews make significant progress in suppressing wildfire near Tusayan

Tusayan, Ariz., June 22, 2017—For Immediate Release. Crews made significant progress last night in suppressing the 151-acre Rain Fire located about 5 miles southwest of the Town of Tusayan on the Kaibab National Forest.

Incident commander Quentin Johnson said the wildfire, which is burning in pinyon-juniper woodlands, is now 40 percent contained after retardant drops yesterday and the construction of hand and dozer line late into last night.

Resources assigned today include three 20-person hand crews, three engines, a dozer, a water tender and several individual fire personnel for a total of about 80 people. With winds predicted to be out of the west and gusts up to 30 mph in the forecast today, fire personnel will focus on enhancing established containment lines especially on the east flank to try to prevent the wildfire from spreading.

Smoke from the Rain Fire has diminished significantly since yesterday, but it may still be visible from Grand Canyon Airport, Grand Canyon National Park, Highway 64, and the Town of Tusayan.

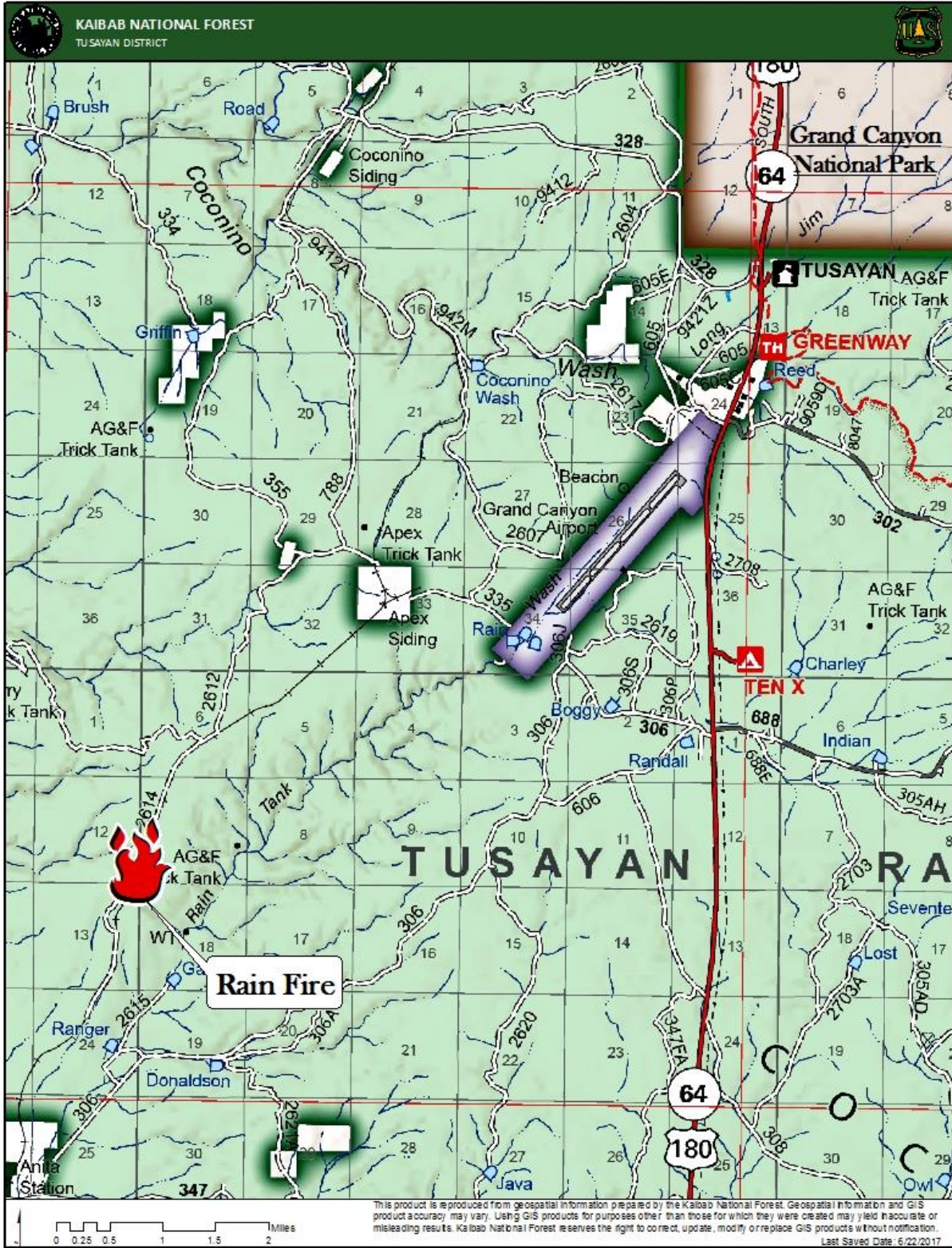
No structures are threatened. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Grand Canyon National Park remains open.

Additional information is available through the following sources:

- Inciweb: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5264/
- Facebook: [facebook.com/KaibabNF/](https://www.facebook.com/KaibabNF/)
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Map showing location of Rain Fire on the Tusayan Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest

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