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Fire behavior increases on Cat Fire

Fredonia, Ariz., Sept. 13, 2018 — For Immediate Release. With the recent escalation in windy conditions and warmer temperatures, Cat Fire activity has increased over the last 72 hours. Fire managers anticipate a portion of the fire to reach Forest Road 610 within the next 48 hours, and currently, plans are being discussed to re-implement area closures in anticipation of continued warmer-dryer weather conditions over the next week.

Cat Fire Overview

Date reported: August 6, 2018

Fuel: Mixed conifer

Weather: Hot and dry conditions are forecasted to continue across the Kaibab Plateau.

Size: 3,500 acres

Strategy: The current strategy continues to contain and suppress this wildfire when and where firefighters have the high probability to successfully do so.

Situational update: Warmer and dryer conditions on the North Kaibab Ranger District continued within the past 72 hours.

Closures: Fire management resources are planning to close Forest Roads 219, FR 610, Marble Viewpoint, Saddle Mountain Trail, North Canyon Trail, South Canyon Trail and Pt. Imperial and Nankoweap Trails, which are both located on Kaibab National Forest and Grand Canyon National Park land, and approximately 5 miles of the Arizona Trail. Patrols are currently placing closure signage and roving these areas to alert campers and hikers of this closure. An official closure order, including a map of the restricted area, will be posted on the Kaibab National Forest website under Alerts & Warnings once it is signed. The closure order will remain in place until lifted.

Smoke: For more information on local air quality resources, please visit <https://www.airnow.gov/>.

Fire Information: For fire information on the Kaibab National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab and Inciweb under the name of the fire at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov> or visit us on Facebook and Twitter @KaibabNF or call (928) 635-8311 for recorded fire information.

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