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South Canyon Trail on North Kaibab Ranger District closed until spring

Fredonia, Ariz., Nov. 2, 2018 — For Immediate Release. Fire officials are extending the South Canyon Trail closure on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest through at least spring 2019 for both public and firefighter safety.

The trail, which is located in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness, is in the area burned by the Cat Fire this summer, and fire managers are concerned about the hazards that fire-weakened trees would potentially pose to hikers. The trail will remain closed to allow for safe and efficient restoration work in the area by Forest Service crews.

“We simply need more time before we can consider the trail safe for hikers,” said North Zone Fire Management Officer Peter Goetzinger. “A good solid winter should give us that. We anticipate opening the trail back up in the spring.”

Once it is determined safe to do so, the trail will be reopened for public use.

Trail Closure: South Canyon Trail #6, Saddle Mountain Wilderness, North Kaibab Ranger District

There are no other closures in effect in the area.

To contact the North Kaibab Ranger District office, call (928) 643-7395.

Kaibab National Forest information is also available through the following sources:

- Kaibab National Forest Website: www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/KaibabNF
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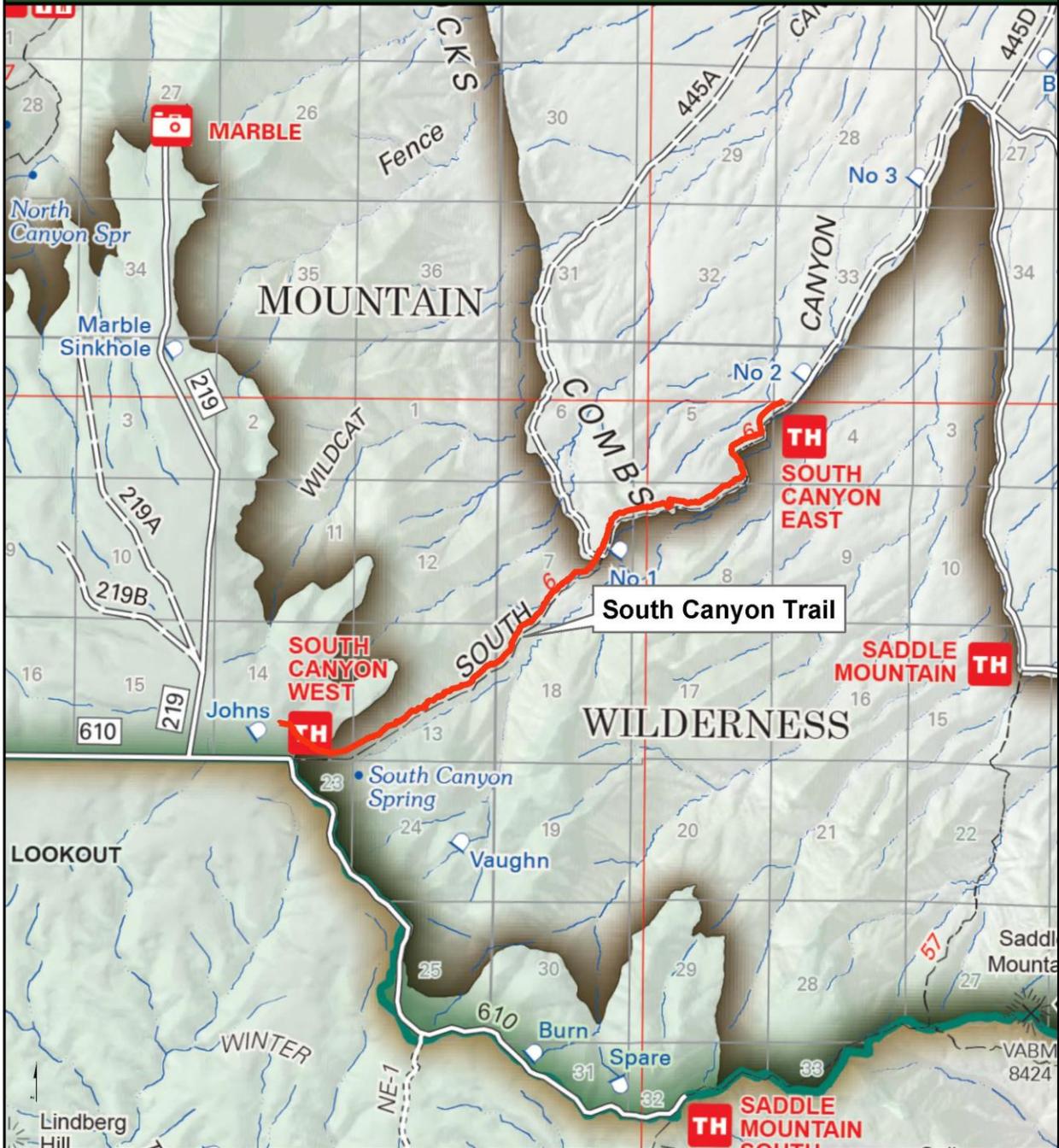


Exhibit A
Forest Order # 07-19-02-F
Cat Fire Temporary Area Closure
Kaibab National Forest

- South Canyon Trail Closed
- Kaibab National Forest Boundary

This road, trail, and area closure affects only National Forest System roads, trails and lands within the closure boundary. The closure does not apply to any non-National Forest System roads, trails or lands within the closure boundary.

