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# News Release

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## Cat Fire Update: Nominal Growth Observed

**Fredonia, Ariz., Oct. 1, 2018 — For Immediate Release.** Favorable weekend weather conditions limited fire growth yesterday on the Cat Fire. Crews took advantage of lighter than anticipated winds and higher humidity to focus on reconnaissance to the north-northwest, reinforcing the fire's western flank, and planning options for closure recommendations to the Kaibab National Forest Supervisor.

"Today is definitely not the day to be making any decisions regarding closures," said North Zone Fire Management Officer Peter Goetzinger. "We need to be sure that we actually get this rain before discussing any closures reductions ... we will see later this week."

### **Cat Fire Overview:**

**Date reported:** August 6, 2018

**Cause:** Lightning

**Size:** 4,620 acres

**Personnel:** 13

**Location:** The Cat Fire is about 25 miles southeast of Jacob Lake in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.

**Fuel:** Mixed conifer, ponderosa pine and pinyon-juniper/mountain mahogany.

**Weather:** Moisture from Rosa is forecast to move northward into the state today with shower and thunderstorm chances increasing through the day. Monday through Wednesday, a southerly flow ahead of the trough of low pressure along the West Coast is anticipated to draw deep moisture into the region from Rosa, which could lead to widespread wetting rains, thunderstorms, and possible strong winds.

**Area, road and trail closure:** The Restricted Area includes the boundary roads and trails described as beginning at the junction of Forest Road (FR) 610 and the Arizona Trail #101, then north to the junction with the Arizona Trail #101 and North Canyon Trail #4, then proceeding east on the North Canyon Trail #4 to FR 631 continuing to FR 8910 Junction. Then south on the FR8910 to South Canyon #6/ Nankoweap Trail #57, then going west on the South Canyon #6/Nankoweap Trail #57 to FR610 continuing west on FR610 to the Junction of FR 610 and the Arizona Trail #101.

**Trails.** All trails described above and depicted on the map attached as Exhibit A and within the Restricted Area, and the Point Imperial Trail (NPS Trail) from the National Forest boundary to FR 610; along the North Canyon Trail #4; along the South Canyon Trail #6; and along the Nankoweap Trail #57.

**Roads.** All Forest Roads described above and depicted on the map attached as Exhibit A, which are identified as the area perimeter; the area within the perimeter boundary is closed.

**Smoke:** Smoke will continue to be visible from a wide area around the plateau. Smoke impacts have been minimal thus far but may occasionally effect the communities to the north and the northeast. Motorists are asked to always use caution when driving near or around all fires. For more information on local air quality resources, please visit <https://www.airnow.gov/>.

**For additional information the following sources are available:**

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