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Boulin Fire Update: 08/17/2019

Williams, Ariz., August 17, 2019—For Immediate Release. The Boulin Fire on the Kaibab National Forest grew another 400 acres yesterday within the planning area and has now reached 15% containment. Fire effects on the landscape are have been advantageous meeting the desired ecological benefits defined in the initial strategic decision process.

Crews successfully secured the Boulin Tank private land yesterday and have completed preparations to allow fire to move into the lower southwest half of the planning area over the next few days.

BOULIN FIRE OVERVIEW

Start Date: August 5, 2019.

Cause: Lightning.

Location: East of Spring Valley near The Beale Wagon Trail and forest roads 141, 713, and 730.

Current Size: 1960 acres.

Containment: 15%

Incident Commander: Nick Behrends ICT4 / Tyler Richwine ICT4T.

Resources: One-Type 2 Hand crew, one- Fuels crew, two-Type 6 Engines, two-Type 3 Engines, one-Patrol unit, one-Dozer, and eight- Miscellaneous overhead. Total personnel assigned is 50.

Current Status: The Boulin Fire continues to be highly visible from the surrounding rural communities with occasional increases in activity. There have been no control problems to date.

Road maintenance will begin today on several roads within and around the fire location. Along with fire apparatus, an increase in traffic activity will be noticeable that will include a grader and large water truck. Motorists are reminded to use caution and drive with heightened awareness when passing through active fire areas.

Smoke: Atmospheric conditions drew a considerable amount of smoke into the Williams area yesterday afternoon from the south and east where other fires are occurring on neighboring forests. Smoke from

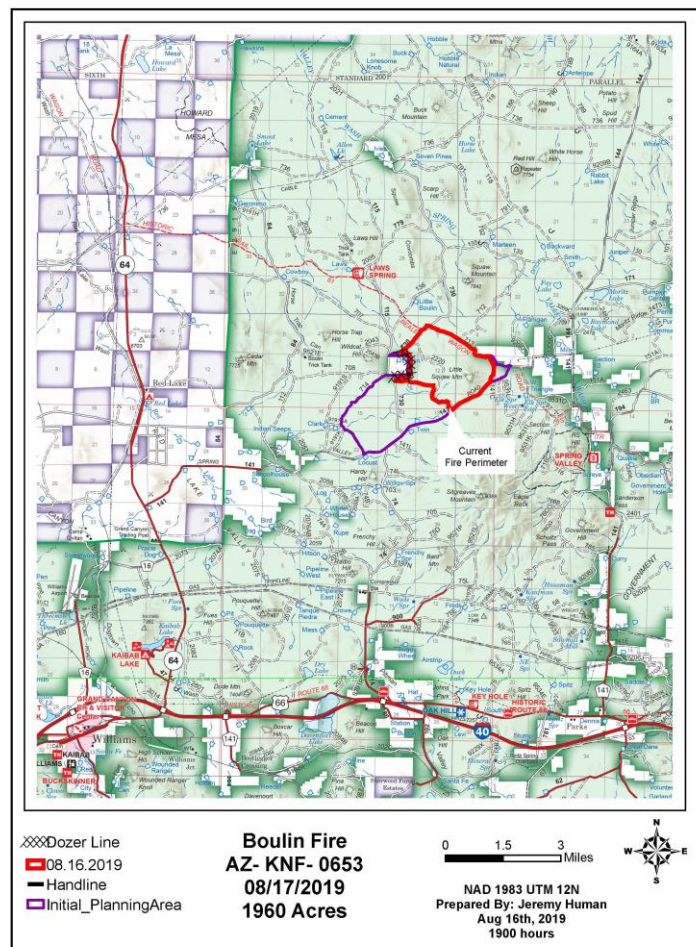


the Boulin Fire continues to transport out to the northeast throughout the day with residual amounts laying into the low level surfaces as cooler air creates inversion in the evening. Ventilation is forecasted to be excellent today.

For information about air quality and health awareness visit bit.ly/SmokeHealthAwareness

Additional information about the Boulin Fire, and the Kaibab National Forest can be obtained through the following sources:

- InciWeb inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6511/
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/KaibabNF
- Kaibab Facebook: www.facebook.com/KaibabNF
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