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Reservoir Fire remains at 138 acres

Clints Well, Ariz., June 9, 2016, For Immediate Release — The fire that has burned up to 138 acres has not grown in the past three days thanks to firefighter efforts and coordination between state and federal resources.

The cause of the fire was determined to be an abandoned campfire. This is just one of the approximately 150 abandoned campfires left by campers in the Coconino National Forest in the past two weeks. Campers are required to have water and tools to extinguish fire cold-to-touch prior to leaving their campsites.

About 40 firefighters are currently assigned to the fire. Motorized access to the reservoir remains closed to the public through the weekend for public and fire crew safety, but is expected to reopen soon after. Rock Crossing Campground remains open. Current containment is 65 percent, with expected higher containment each day.

Crews conducted successful burnout operations Tuesday, limiting the fire to areas along the south shore of the reservoir. A boat will continue to be used to shuttle fire personnel and equipment across the reservoir and coordination between state and federal firefighting resources will continue for the duration of the fire.

Hunter Moore, the Governor's natural resources policy advisor, and State Forester Jeff Whitney visited the fire area Tuesday and were briefed by the incident commander on the efforts and coordination of federal, state and cooperator resources assigned to the fire.

"I am grateful that our responders were so aggressive in protecting the C.C. Cragin watershed," said Moore. "It's a critical piece of infrastructure and we cannot afford irreparable damage to this resource. This serves to highlight the important work collaborating agencies and industry are doing to restore the forest."

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