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Jumpup Fire on Kaibab Plateau Grows To 500 Acres

FREDONIA, Ariz. – The Jumpup Fire, which was discovered yesterday on the west side of the Kaibab Plateau, has grown to approximately 500 acres as it burns through cheat grass and pinyon-juniper woodlands on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.

The fire, which was started by lightning, is located north of Jumpup Divide and south of the area where the East Fire burned last week.

A portion of the fire received light rain last night, which should aid in suppression efforts. While no structures are threatened, smoke is visible from the town of Fredonia, Highway 89A and Highway 67.

Resources working to suppress the Jumpup Fire include four engines, one helicopter, one water tender, a wildland fire module, one dozer, and multiple individual firefighting personnel. Additional resources have been ordered.

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