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Kaibab and Coconino National Forests



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Red Flag Warning in Effect Today and Tomorrow for Kaibab and Coconino National Forests

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for today from 1 to 8 p.m. and for tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for much of northern Arizona including all of the Kaibab and Coconino National Forests due to strong winds and low relative humidity.

Visitors to the Kaibab and Coconino National Forests are advised to refrain from having a campfire when Red Flag Warning conditions exist. This advisory covers all campfires across both forests, including in developed campgrounds.

Campfire and smoking restrictions are in effect on the entire Kaibab and Coconino National Forests in order to reduce preventable human-caused fires. Under the current fire restrictions, fires are allowed in developed campgrounds only. However, during Red Flag Warning conditions, visitors are advised to refrain from having fires anywhere on the forest, including in developed campgrounds.

A Red Flag Warning occurs when the forecast shows strong wind and low relative humidity creating an increased potential for large fire growth. The campfire advisory remains in effect until the Red Flag Warning ends.

The National Weather Service predicts critical fire weather across portions of northern Arizona including the Kaibab and Coconino National Forests through tomorrow evening. Minimum relative humidity could be as low as 6 percent and winds are expected to be gusty. Visitors to the forests should use extreme caution.

For detailed weather information including warnings issued by the National Weather Service, visit www.wrh.noaa.gov/fgz/.

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