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# News Release

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## **Springs Fire grows slowly due to increasing monsoonal activity**

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### **SPRINGS FIRE OVERVIEW**

The Springs Fire, a lightning-caused wildfire on the Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest, is growing slowly due to increasing monsoonal activity in the area. Fire managers anticipate minimal growth and smoke production over the next couple of days.

**Today:** Firefighters will continue work in preparation for the wildfire's anticipated future growth including lining archaeological sites, private property, aspen fences, and any other potentially fire-sensitive resources near the fire area. Prep work will also include reinforcing established perimeter roads so that the wildfire will not spread beyond them. This important work ensures that when the Springs Fire becomes active again, which it likely will when conditions are drier, managers will be able to allow it to take its natural course without the risk of negatively impacting other values in the area.

**Smoke:** Smoke production is expected to be light through the weekend given higher relative humidity levels, cloud cover, and rain in the forecast. Light smoke may be noticeable near the wildfire along County Road 73, also known as the South Road, and forest roads 354, 110, 147 and 57A.

**Closures:** Summit Mountain Trail #68 is temporarily closed due to fire activity. Use of the trail is prohibited until the closure order has been lifted. There are no other closures associated with the Springs Fire, but campers and motorists near the wildfire are advised to use caution due to firefighting equipment and personnel in the area.

**Size:** 2,664 acres

**Start Date:** July 2, 2015

**Location:** 9 miles southeast of Williams in the Summit Mountain and Davenport Knoll area

Additional Springs Fire information, photos and maps are available through the following resources: InciWeb <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4391/#>; Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Phone Line (928) 635-8311; Text Message – text 'follow kaibabnf' to 40404.

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