

U.S. Forest Service Kaibab National Forest Web: www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab

## **News Release**





## **Fuller Fire**

Fire Information: 844-684-5411 Recorded Fire Information: 928-638-7688

National Park Service Grand Canyon National Park Web: www.nps.gov/grca

**Fuller Fire Continues to Restore Ecosystem** 

Saturday, July 30, 2016

**Fire:** Fuller Fire **Completion:** 47%

**Acres:** 14,493 **Start Date:** June 29, 2016

Cause: Lightning Location: Point Imperial, N. Rim Grand Canyon NP Total Personnel: 237 Fuels/Topography: Timber, grass, rugged terrain

The lightning-caused Fuller Fire continues to burn at a low intensity towards the west, producing minimal smoke. Meteorologists predict increased moisture and rain over the weekend, which will likely slow the spread of fire. Firefighters are conducting minor ignition operations on the west flank to reintroduce fire into an area that has not received a natural ignition in 200 years. The objective for these ignitions is to bring low intensity fire along the ground at a gradual rate of 200 to 300 feet per day. The extended absence of wildfire increases the risk of catastrophic fire in this area, which could have negative impact on vegetation, soil, wildlife, and other natural resources. The Fuller Fire reduces the likelihood of catastrophic wildfire in the future by restoring the natural fire cycle and improving forest health.

**Smoke:** West-Southwest winds are expected today 5 to 10 mph with possible 20 to 30 mph outflow winds associated with monsoonal storm events. For more information on smoke and your health visit: <a href="http://wildlandfire.az.gov/links.asp#Smoke">http://wildlandfire.az.gov/links.asp#Smoke</a>

**Open:** Highway 67; North Rim Visitor Center, Lodge and Campground; Fuller Canyon Road; Point Imperial and Cape Royal Roads; Cape Royal Trail; Cape Final Trail; Cliff Springs Trail; and FSR 22 and Rainbow Rim Trail on the Kaibab National Forest.

**Closures:** These closures are in place until further notice. All USFS areas east of Highway 67 and south of Tater Ridge Rd (FSR 213) and east of House Rock Valley Rd (FSR 8910). Trails: Arizona Trail: Lindberg Hill north to the Park boundary; Ken Patrick Trail: starting at the Uncle Jim Trail junction; Point Imperial Trail; Nankoweap Trail; Saddle Mountain Trail; and South Canyon Trail. Road closures include: FSR 610 and FSR 611. All closures remain in place until further notice.

## **Fire Information:**

Inciweb: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4845

Text Message: text "follow GrandCanyonNPS" to 40404

Facebook: facebook.com/FullerFire Twitter: twitter.com/GrandCanyonNPS

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