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## **News Release**

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## Tusayan Ranger District Fire Update

**Tusayan, Ariz., July 13, 2016—For Immediate Release.** Containment of the Scott fire steadily increases as crews continue to monitor and mop up control lines. Two unburned pockets of green that remained present within interior of the fire perimeter were successfully ignited yesterday. This effective operation was carried out in order to reduce long term smoke production and air quality impacts. Smoke from the burn can still be expected; however fire managers are confident that smoke production will begin to significantly decrease. More fire crews and personnel are being released and made available for other fire assignments as the incident scales down. If driving near the area of the burn, please drive with extreme caution and be mindful of fire fighters working along the roads.

## SCOTT FIRE OVERVIEW

Start Date: June 28, 2016.

Cause: Lightning.

**Location:** 11 miles east of Tusayan in the Upper Basin and Coconino rim near forest roads 310 and 307 **Current Size:** Approximately 2660 acres. 68% contained.

Incident Commander: Gregory Juvan ICT3 / Brandon Allen ICT3-T

**Resources:** 1- IHC Hotshot crew, 2-Type 2 hand crews, 2-Type 3 engines, 2-Type 6 engines, 3-Tactical water tenders, 2-Helicopters, 2-Dozers and 8- Resource specialists. Total personnel assigned is 132.

Temporary flight restrictions remain in place over the Scott Fire vicinity to restrict private aircraft from interfering in the air space where helicopters are assisting with mop up operations.

A 9-mile section of the Arizona Trail and a large area of National Forest surrounding the Scott Fire will remain closed to provide for public safety while operations continue. Forest officials are working closely with fire managers and will reopen the trail and area as soon as it is safe to do so. Trail and area closure information are available at http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/kaibab/alerts-notices/?aid=35045.

Additional fire information for the Kaibab National Forest can be obtained through the following inciweb sources: Scott Fire http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4840/

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