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Springs Fire slowly pushes southward toward Pine Flat

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SPRINGS FIRE OVERVIEW

Yesterday: Fire personnel completed preparations to forest heritage sites, protecting them ahead of the anticipated growth of the low-intensity wildfire near County Road 73 and Forest Road 57A. Burn out operations were also completed by fire crews along Forest Road 354 to assist in holding predefined perimeter roads.

Today: Fire personnel will take measures to ready trick tanks near Forest Road 57A and Forest Road 746 for the fire's anticipated spread and will prep fencelines near Forest Road 129 that have wooden features.

Smoke: Smoke impacts have lessened substantially due to cloud cover, increased releative humidity level and monsoon rain showers. Some smoke has drifted south towards the Wild Horse and Sycamore Canyon areas as the fire continues to move slowly southward towards Pine Flat. Monsoon weather over the weekend, which has continued into this week, has helped to keep smoke impacts low.

Closures: The Summit Mountain Trail (#68) continues to be closed until Sept. 30 or until Closure Order 07-15-01-F is rescinded. The trail was closed on July 30 due to the direct impact of the Springs Fire.

Size: 6,040 acres

Start Date: July 2, 2015

Location: 9 miles southeast of Williams, near the intersection of County Road 73/Perkinsville Road, or the "South Road," and Forest Road 354, near Davenport Knoll and Summit Mountain.

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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