



## Southwest Area Incident Management Team Team 5 – Jeff Andrews – Incident Commander

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**Name:** Boundary Fire  
**Containment:** 18%

**Reported:** June 1, 2017  
**Size:** 8,067 acres

**Cause:** Lightning  
**Resources:** 405 personnel

### Increased Smoke Production Expected While Crews Make Progress on the Boundary Fire

#### Williams, Ariz., June 19, 2017—For Immediate Release.

Due to changing wind direction and poor ventilation, an increase in smoke was observed throughout communities adjacent to the fire area. Flagstaff, Williams, Timberline, Bellemont, and Baderville were among the communities affected. Similar conditions are predicted for today.

Firefighters continue with an indirect suppression plan on the Boundary Fire. This plan is implemented due to the significant safety concerns of placing fire personnel in certain areas on the mountain, where difficult terrain, snags and heavy fuels loads exist. Weather conditions have provided fire managers opportunities to introduce fire on the higher slopes, allowing fire to back down the mountain with lower fire severity. There will be a noticeable increase in smoke produced from the fire during these operations.

This strategy will not only reduce the potential risks to fire personnel but will also help in maintaining a healthy ecosystem by reintroducing natural fire back into the forest based on the best available science and risk management techniques. It is anticipated that the Boundary Fire will help clean up much of the dead and down material left by the Pumpkin Fire in 2000, thereby reducing the future probability of high-intensity wildfire and its potentially severe and negative fire effects.

The fire is expected to remain active as hot and dry conditions are forecasted over the next several days.

For more information on the Boundary Fire, visit [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5209/](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5209/). Quick updates will also be provided via Twitter at [@KaibabNF](https://twitter.com/KaibabNF) and [@CoconinoNF](https://twitter.com/CoconinoNF). Please follow us if you would like to be updated as information is received.

**Location:** Approximately 17 miles northwest of Flagstaff, burning in the Kendrick Mountain Wilderness and ponderosa pine forest north and east of the Wilderness on the Coconino and Kaibab National Forests.

**Closures:** The current closure is still in effect for several roads around the fire perimeter. Closure Order Number 04-17-14-F, includes all or parts of Forest Roads 9005, 9023C, 91, 736, 144, 171, and 193, ending at US Highway 180. All roads and trails within the perimeter of the closure area are closed to the public. US Highway 180 will remain closed until further notice. For information about highway closures please visit [azdot.gov](http://azdot.gov) or visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at [www.az511.gov](http://www.az511.gov).

**Fire Restrictions:** Kaibab National Forest Order Number [07-17-01-F \(map\)](#) and Coconino National Forest Order Number [04-17-15-F](#). Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in effect as of June 15, 2017.

**Trails:** The following trails remain closed: Pumpkin Trail; Kendrick Mountain Trail; Bull Basin Trail and the 4th Connector Trail.



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