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Stina Fire Now Twenty Percent Contained

Fredonia, Ariz., Aug. 15, 2018 — For Immediate Release. Hard work by crews and rain from Mother Nature yesterday enabled fire managers of the Stina Fire to declare that the fire is now twenty-percent contained.

The fire received from one-half to one inch of rain that slowed the fires spread. The north flank of the fire is now secure, and fire managers are calling this section of the fire contained. The rain was welcome; however, fire managers are cautious.

“Just because we received rain today, does not mean this fire is over. There is still a significant portion of the fire that has heat and flames that are not secured with fireline” said Incident Commander Trainee Dave Veater. The rain did prevent crews from completing burn out operations that are necessary to secure fire lines.

Resources:

Two 20-person hotshot crews and one 20-person Type-two hand crew
Eight Fire Engines
One Dozer
One Water Tender
Miscellaneous overhead (a total of 108 personnel)

Stina Fire Overview

Start date: July 26, 2018

Size: 1,900 acres

Containment: 20%

Location: The Stina Fire is 23 miles southwest of Jacob Lake and about 2 miles east of Fire Point on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.

Fuel: Ponderosa pine, aspen and mixed conifer.

Weather: Forecasters anticipate a 40-50% chance of rain to remain in the forecast until the weekend.

Strategy: Full suppression

Situational Update: Today plans are to assess the uncontrolled fire's edge and look at opportunities to go direct with fireline construction and/or hot spot the fire's edge. Direct fireline construction occurs when crews dig fireline by hand on the edge of the flaming front of the fire. Hot spotting refers to finding areas of heat along the line and putting the hot spot out. Additional work for today will be to start chipping material that was thinned to prepare firelines and spreading the chipped material.

Closures: A closure is in effect for Forest Roads 223 (going to Fire Point), 268, 206, 271, 609, 250 road south of the 250/294 junction, a portion of the 239 and all Rainbow Rim trails and scenic viewpoints south of Locust Point. The trail between Locust Point and Parissawampitts Point will remain open for forest visitors. The closure order will remain in place until it is considered safe to enter the area.

Smoke: Smoke is visible on both the North and South Rims of the park, and there is a regional haze present in surrounding communities from multiple wildfires in the West. Individuals sensitive to smoke can learn how to help protect their health by visiting the Coconino County Public Health Services District website at <http://bit.ly/SmokeHealthAwareness>.

For fire information on the Kaibab National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab and Inciweb under the name of the fire at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov> or visit us on Facebook and Twitter @KaibabNF or call (928) 635-8311 for recorded fire information.

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