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Monsoons keep North Zone firefighters busy

Fredonia, Ariz., July 10, 2018 — For Immediate Release. Within the past 96 hours, North Zone fire personnel, consisting of firefighters from the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service, responded jointly to 17 lightning-caused wildfire ignitions located on both the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and adjacent North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.

Lightning-caused wildfires are a common occurrence during the monsoon season (typically late-June through late-July), but fire officials would like to remind visitors that the North Kaibab Ranger District is still in Stage II fire restrictions, and will remain in effect until more monsoonal moisture arrives.

Forest officials would also like to remind visitors that having a campfire on the national forest while under fire restrictions is a violation of the law requiring a mandatory appearance in federal court and consequent fines and possibly jail time. Visitors should use extra caution when recreating on all public lands during fire season.

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Aerial reconnaissance photo of the lightning-caused Sink fire taken yesterday afternoon in the vicinity of the 2006 Warm Fire area. The Sink fire was estimated to be about 3 acres in size when units responded; the overall incident was full suppression. Photo by Dave Robinson. Credit the U.S. Forest Service, Southwestern Region, Kaibab National Forest.

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