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## Firefighters busy across the Coconino NF

**FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., July 9, 2018, For Immediate Release** — Firefighters across all three districts of the Coconino National Forest have chased more than 40 lightning strikes since Friday.

The multiple lightning strikes from monsoon rains since Friday have resulted in 35 named fire across the forest. The largest was a fully suppressed fire Saturday near the Painted Desert, the 100-acre Black Fire on state land adjacent to the forest.

Currently two fires are burning, the first is the 30-acre Reese Fire north of the San Francisco Peaks which has multiple resources and aircraft conducting suppression operations. The second, the 38-acre Wood Fire on the south rim of Woods Canyon which has little activity and smoke because of rain over the fire. The thunderstorm activity on the Wood Fire has caused firefighters to keep the fire in monitor status ensuring firefighter safety.

Motorists in the area of Interstate 17, U.S. Highway 180 and U.S. Highway 89 should be cautious and aware of smoke, low flying aircraft, as well as first responder traffic.

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