

FIRE NEWS RELEASE



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Multiple Kaibab National Forest Fires Benefit Resource Objectives

TUSAYAN, AZ. – Multiple lightning caused fires on the North and South Zones of the Kaibab National Forest continue to spread naturally. Fire managers are encouraged by the progress these fires are making reducing forest ground litter and tree stand densities. Fire management objectives include public and firefighter safety while working to reduce potential smoke impacts around the fire areas. A short drying trend and a high pressure weather pattern are expected over these fires this week and through the weekend and may result in increased smoke and reduced visibility. Visitors are encouraged to use caution when traveling in these areas, reducing driving speed and watching for fire personnel working along the roads.

Skinner Fire:

Reported: July 26, 2013

Location: Tusayan Ranger District - 5 Miles East of Tusayan, North of Forest Road 303

Size: 670 Acres

Landscape/Fuels: Ponderosa Pine

Fire Behavior: Low intensity, 6 to 12 inch flames burning in Ponderosa Pine/Oak brush & grass understory

Planning Area: 1,463 acres

Cooper Fire:

Reported: July 15, 2013

Location: Approximately 3 miles Northwest of Jacob Lake and North of 89A

Size: 320 Acres

Landscape/Fuels: Ponderosa Pine

Fire Behavior: Low intensity fire

Planning Area: 968 acres

Castle Fire:

Reported: July 24, 2013

Location: North Kaibab Ranger District, 1 mile East of Big Springs Lookout

Size: 55 Acres

Landscape/Fuels: Ponderosa Pine

Fire Behavior: Low intensity fire

Planning Area: 1537 acres

These fires are being managed to stay within designated planning areas and to benefit resource objectives that include maintaining fire in a fire-adapted ecosystem and reducing fuel loads. Cooperative interagency fire personnel include: National Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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