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# News Release

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## Rain Moderates Fire Behavior on Cat

**Fredonia, Ariz., Sept. 20, 2018 — For Immediate Release.** Moisture received yesterday on the Cat Fire moderated fire behavior and dampened light fuels, delaying planned burnout operations. If favorable conditions exist and it is safe to do so, crews plan to conduct burnout operations, introducing fire inside the control line to consume fuel between the edge of the fire and the control line along Forest Road 2599. This is done to secure the fire's western edge and stop its growth toward critical infrastructure.

### Cat Fire Overview:

**Date reported:** August 6, 2018  
**Size:** 4,491 acres

**Cause:** Lightning  
**Personnel:** 35

**Location:** The Cat Fire is about 25 miles southeast of Jacob Lake in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.

**Fuel:** Mixed conifer, ponderosa pine and pinyon-juniper/mountain mahogany.

**Weather:** Today forecasters predict a warming trend into the weekend. Temperatures are anticipated to be above normal with no precipitation expected into early next week.

**Area, road and trail closure:** The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, and includes the boundary roads and trails described as beginning at the junction of Forest Road (FR) 610 and the Arizona Trail #101, then north to the junction with the Arizona Trail #101 and North Canyon Trail #4, then proceeding east on the North Canyon Trail #4 to FR 631 continuing to FR 8910 Junction. Then south on the FR8910 to South Canyon #6/ Nankoweap Trail #57, then going west on the South Canyon #6/Nankoweap Trail #57 to FR610 continuing west on FR610 to the Junction of FR 610 and the Arizona Trail #101.

**Smoke:** Smoke will continue to be visible from a wide area around the plateau. Smoke impacts have been minimal thus far but may occasionally effect the communities to the north and the northeast. Motorists are asked to always use caution when driving near or around all fires. For more information on local air quality resources, please visit <https://www.airnow.gov/>.

For additional information the following sources are available:

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6109/>

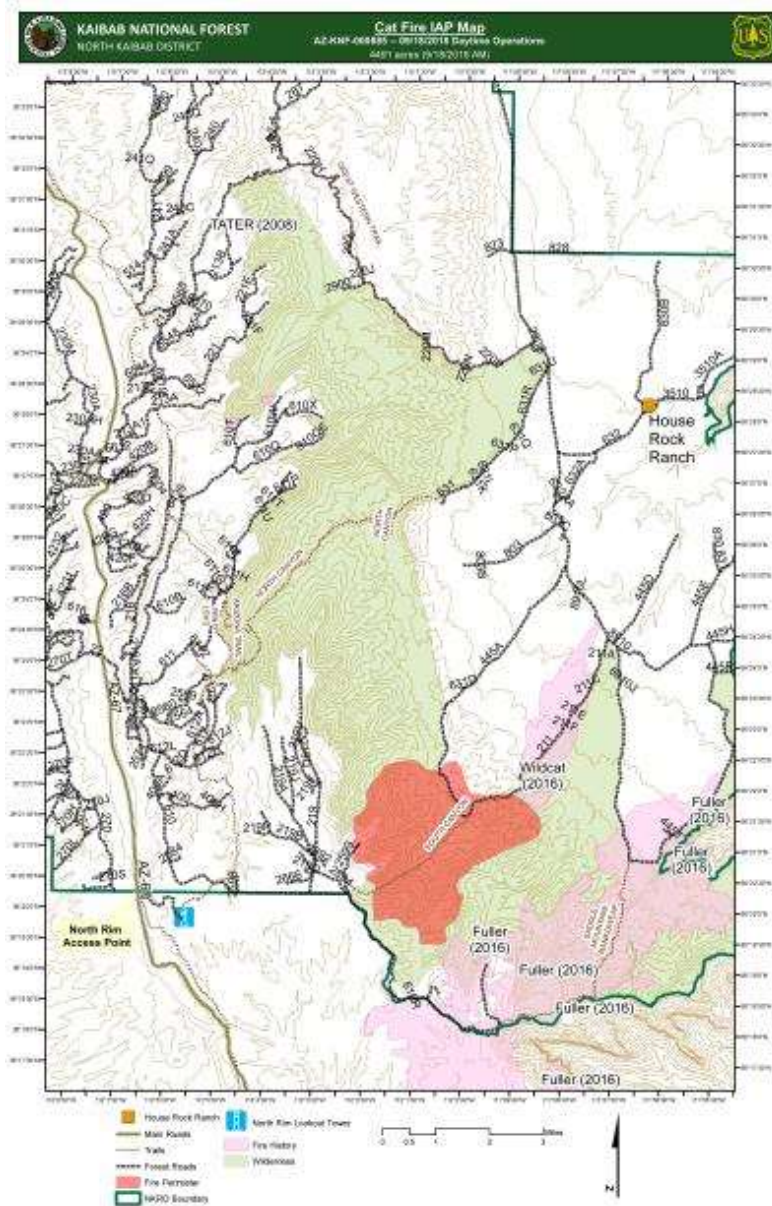
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