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# News Release

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## Central West Zone Type 3 Team Assumes Command of Cat Fire

**Fredonia, Ariz., Aug. 12, 2018 — For Immediate Release.** Central West Zone Type 3 Team, under the command of Rob Williams, took over the management of the Cat Fire at 6 a.m. today. The new team will continue suppression efforts started by previous fire crews on scene. They will also assess the current fire status and develop appropriate management strategies to address the challenges of maintaining firefighter safety while fighting fire within the rugged terrain of Saddle Mountain Wilderness.

### Overview

**Date reported:** August 6, 2018

**Size:** 2,387 acres

**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.

**Weather:** Forecasters anticipate a continuation of scattered thunder showers in the area

**Strategy:** Full suppression

**Situational update:** Typically, there has been an increase in fire behavior during the warm afternoon hours. Due to cooler temperatures and higher moisture, activity was minimal and the fire grew about 200 acres to the south and east. Crews are continuing to monitor the fire and clean up fuel breaks along Forest Roads 219 and 610.

**Closures:** Fire management resources have closed all roads within the planning area boundary, which includes Forest Roads (FR) 213 and 220 on the north, FR 610 on the east and south, and House Rock Valley Road 8910 on the east.

The following trails are closed: Arizona Trail from FR 213 to FR 610, North Canyon Trail, South Canyon Trail and Pt. Imperial and Nankoweap Trails, which are both located on Kaibab National Forest and Grand Canyon National Park land. The closure will remain in effect 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](http://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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