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Active Skinner Fire at 580 Acres

TUSAYAN, AZ – At 580 acres on the evening of August 6, 2013, the Skinner Fire has continued to actively burn in the 1,463 acre planning area. However, monsoonal precipitation is anticipated over the next 2-3 days which may decrease fire growth to 10 acres or less of new growth each day. “Rain today acted as a damper on new growth, but drying trends forecasted for later in the week may shift fire behavior and our management options” said Fire Management Officer, Quentin Johnson.

The lightning caused Skinner Fire remains predominantly low intensity with 6-12 inch flame lengths in pine litter. However, varying monsoonal patterns changed fire behavior earlier in the week to include some moderate intensity with individual tree torching reported. Fire managers are actively working in the area to ensure continued resource and protection benefits as the fire progresses.

Date/Time Reported: Friday July 26th, 2013

Location: 5 Miles Southeast of Tusayan

Cause: Lightning

Size: 580 Acres

Landscape/Fuels: Ponderosa Pine

Fire Behavior: Predominantly low intensity

Planning Area: 1,463 acres

No smoke impacts are anticipated for the Tusayan area, south rim of the Grand Canyon, and surrounding communities. A smoke column may still be visible along Highway 64 near Tusayan.

Please visit Inciweb for additional maps and photographs: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3579/>

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Skinner Fire smoke column as seen from Red Butte on August 5rd, 2013 near Tusayan, AZ.