



BOUNDARY FIRE

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Firefighters and Biologists Coordinate Fire Suppression Plans to Protect Species and Resources on the Boundary Fire

Williams, Ariz., June 8, 2017—For Immediate Release. The lightning caused Boundary Fire continued to be moderately active on Kendrick Mountain yesterday. The total burned area is now estimated at 550 acres and is currently burning on the Flagstaff Ranger District of the Coconino National Forest. Interagency biologists are working alongside suppression personnel in the planning and implementation of protection strategies to minimize any adverse effects to critical species during suppression of the fire. The indirect strategy based around minimizing risk to firefighters provides the opportunity for the measured reintroduction of fire that will benefit forest and ecosystem health by removing heavy fuel accumulations across Kendrick Mountain. This planning and coordination will continue throughout the incident. Future ignition operations are planned to safely implement the indirect strategy when weather conditions are favorable.

For more information, details and the specific objectives for the Boundary Fire, please visit inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5209/. Quick updates will also be provided via Twitter at [@KaibabNF](https://twitter.com/KaibabNF) and [@CoconinoNF](https://twitter.com/CoconinoNF). Please follow us if you would like to be updated as information is received.

Name: Boundary Fire

Reported: June 1

Cause: Lightning

Location: About 17 miles northwest of Flagstaff burning on Kendrick Mountain on the Flagstaff Ranger District of the Coconino National Forest; latitude 35°25'54.9" longitude 111°49' 53.0"

Size: 550 acres

Fuels: The wildfire is burning in heavy dead and down trees and forest debris left from the Pumpkin Fire of 2000.

Resources: Mormon Lake hotshot crew, a 10-person fuels crew, seven engines, one dozer, one water tender, one helicopter with a 10-person crew, one archeologist, local fire prevention units and various support personnel; approximately 111 total fire personnel are currently assigned.

Expected Actions: Fire suppression activities for today include prepping and improving control line on all sides of the fire, along with the continuing development of logistical drop points and helispots. The purpose of the work is to protect identified values at risk, including private property and structures at Pumpkin Center, Boys Ranch, and Mexican spotted owl Protected Activity Centers. Crews should complete structure protection at Kendrick Mountain Lookout and the historic 1911 cabin that is at the lookout. No ignitions are planned at this time, but there may be the need for firing operations to remove fuels near firelines to protect structures.

Closures: A closure order is pending for the fire area. Details regarding the closure area will be provided as soon as they are available.

Smoke Impacts: Smoke will be visible from Flagstaff, Baderville, Parks, Williams, Interstate 40, and the Grand Canyon. Smoke is predicted to impact the communities of Cameron and Tuba City during the day, and Spring Valley, Pumpkin Center, Parks and Baderville during the evening hours.

Additional information sources, including maps, will be provided as soon as they are available.

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