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Lightning strikes continue, Forest visitors reminded to be weather aware

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., July 27, 2018 – For Immediate Release. Monsoonal activity continued to cross portions of both the northern and southern areas of the Kaibab National Forest and Grand Canyon National Park this week, bringing varying amounts of rain and lightning to various areas throughout both the forest and park. Fire resources in both the North Zone and South Zone continue to respond to each lightning-caused fire as it is discovered and reported.

Due to the increased amount of fire activity throughout both the Grand Canyon and the Kaibab National Forest, operations are anticipated to continue throughout the weekend. This means that smoke will likely be visible on both the North and South Rims of the park and all three ranger districts on the Kaibab National Forest: North Kaibab Ranger District, Williams Ranger District, and the Tusayan Ranger District.

At this time there are no road closures within the park or forest; however, motorists traveling within these areas should use caution as fire crews could be present at any time. Motorists are asked to drive with headlights on and drive slow in and around emergency response vehicles.

As a reminder, lightning-caused fires are evaluated by fire management officials for the most appropriate management strategy. Firefighter safety, resources at risk, location of the fire, available resources, regional and national preparedness levels, and weather forecast are taken into consideration when responding to a wildfire ignition.

For more information on the largest and most active of these wildfires, please visit the following:

Obi Fire – <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6030/>

Rain Fire – <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6002/>

For fire information on the Kaibab National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab or @KaibabNF on Facebook and Twitter or call (928) 635-8311 for recorded fire information.

For fire information at Grand Canyon National Park, please visit <https://www.nps.gov/grca/learn/management/firemanagement.htm> or call 928-638-7819 for recorded fire information.

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