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Wind-Driven Fire Growth on the Boundary Fire

Williams, Ariz., June 11, 2017—For Immediate Release. Strong southwest winds pushed fire within the planning area further to the north and to the east of Kendrick Mountain. The Highway 180 closure between mile marker 236 and 248 remains in effect due to the continued anticipation of smoke impairing visibility. The growing fire organization has implemented alternating shifts allowing for longer staffing on the fire line.

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

There will be a Boundary Fire Public Meeting to be held at Tuba City Chapter House, 4:00pm MST on Monday June 12, 2017 to answer questions pertaining to the Boundary Fire.

Name: Boundary Fire

Reported: June 1

Cause: Lightning

Location: About 17 miles northwest of Flagstaff burning in the Kendrick Mountain Wilderness on the Coconino and Kaibab national forests; latitude 35°25'54.9" longitude 111°49' 53.0"

Size: 4,420 acres

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

Resources: Approximately 261 personnel on the fire

Expected Actions: Fire suppression activities for today include ongoing improvement of containment lines in preparation for the strong winds forecasted over the next several days. Indirect suppression tactics and safety precautions continue to shape operational plans.

Closures: Closure Order Number 04-17-13-F affecting the Boundary Fire Planning Area is still in effect. The closure of Highway 180 will be reassessed in conjunction with Arizona Department of Transportation. For information about highway closures please visit <u>https://azdot.gov/</u> or visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www.az511.gov.

Trails: The following trails in the closure area are closed: Pumpkin Trail; Kendrick Mountain Trail; Bull Basin Trail and the 4th Connector Trail.

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. An air quality report is available on the Boundary Inciweb page under maps.

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



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