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Fisher Fire – 8:00 a.m. update

Flagstaff, Ariz. – The Fisher Fire, reported at 3:00 p.m. on April 11th, is located near Fisher Point in Walnut Canyon approx. five miles southeast of Flagstaff in the vicinity of the Fisher Fire from last year.

The fire remains at 175 acres and is 50% contained. Today, crews will grid and mop up as topography and fuel conditions allow. Terrain is steep with rolling rocks and snags. No growth was reported on the fire and all lines held. No structures are threatened.

Today, temperatures today could reach 71 degrees with winds becoming westerly and increasing in strength with possible 45 mph gusts this afternoon; the relative humidity is forecast between 10-15%. **The National Weather Service has issued a red flag warning for today in effect from noon to 8:00 p.m. MST due to strong winds and a low relative humidity.**

The public should remain aware of area closures around the vicinity of the fire which include some of the trail system. Reducing the risk to firefighters and the public is our first priority in every fire management activity.

Local, state, tribal, and Federal agencies support one another with wildfire response, including engagement in collaborative planning and the decision-making processes that take into account all lands and recognize the interdependence and statutory responsibilities among jurisdictions.

SUMMARY

DATE OF DETECTION: April 11, 2014

CAUSE: Confirmed human-caused, specific cause undetermined; investigation ongoing.

CURRENT SIZE: 175 acres

CONTAINMENT: 50%

LOCATION: Fisher Point area, Flagstaff

AGENCY: USDA Forest Service

RESOURCES: 7 Hotshot Crews, 3 Type Two Crews, 2 dozers, 5 water tenders, 1 lead plane, 1 Air Attack, 1 Type 1 and 1 Type 3 helicopter, 10 engines, and numerous fire personnel.

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