

FIRE ADVISORY

Kaibab National Forest



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Work Continues on Belknap Fire; Arizona Trail Detoured

TUSAYAN, Ariz – Yesterday, the lightning caused Belknap Fire continued to actively spread to the northwest growing to 307 acres in size. Low to moderate fire behavior throughout the day helped reduce hazardous fuels on the forest floor with minimal smoke impacts. Crews worked in steep terrain down the Coconino Rim to build handline and protect resources along the eastern perimeter of the planning area.

Today, fire managers anticipate some managed ignitions along the eastern side of the planning area to strengthen the perimeter line there. Crews plan to start these ignitions along the tops of ridges to slowly back fire down the Coconino Rim at lower intensities. Over the next several days, fire managers may continue managed ignitions along the ridge tops in a westward progression as needed.

Date/Time Reported: Tuesday August 26, 2014
Location: Southeast of Grandview Point and HWY 64
Cause: Lightning
Size: 307 acres
Landscape/Fuels: Ponderosa Pine and Pinyon/Juniper
Fire Behavior: Majority Low to Moderate Intensity

Trail Detour: Due to planned managed ignitions and active fire hazards, all Arizona Trail sections within the planning area have been temporarily detoured to follow FSR 310. Large signage and detour maps have been posted in the vicinity for notification.

Variable winds, precipitation, and management tactics can change the amount of visible smoke each day. Currently, smoke is highly visible from sections of HWY 64 in the Desert View area of the Grand Canyon National Park and near Cameron, Ariz. For more information on smoke and air quality please visit www.azdeq.gov or www.wildlandfire.az.gov.

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Light smoke from the Belknap Fire rises above the treetops to the south of Grandview Lookout Tower.



Low intensity fire removes hazardous fuels from the forest floor on the Belknap Fire.