



## Southwest Area Incident Management Team Team 5 – Jeff Andrews – Incident Commander

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### Firing Operations Anticipated with a Forecast of Calmer Winds

**Williams, Ariz., June 12, 2017—For Immediate Release.** Predicted calmer winds on Tuesday may allow fire personnel to reassess operational tactics. In order to mitigate negative impacts on resources in the Kendrick Mountain Wilderness, fire managers plan to use aerial ignitions to introduce fire on the peaks. Flames burning uphill preheat fuels, creating a hotter burn which can harm the natural ecosystem. In contrast, flames backing down a slope burn at a much lower severity. Firefighters will introduce a lower-intensity backing fire. As the fire slowly backs down the mountain, smoke production can be minimized, nutrients in the soil will be replenished, and the hazardous dead and down fuel load on the forest floor will be consumed.

For more information, details, and the specific objectives for the Boundary Fire, please visit [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5209/](http://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.

A public meeting will be at Tuba City Chapter House at 4:00pm MST June 12, 2017. Incident management team members will be on hand 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 and ponderosa pine forest north and east of the Wilderness on the Coconino and Kaibab National Forests

**Size:** 5,390 acres

**Containment:** 5%

**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 390 personnel on the fire

**Expected Actions:** Fire suppression activities for today include holding the fire along control features, the continuation of line construction ahead of the fire, and protecting private property and other values at risk.

**Closures:** Closure Order Number [04-17-13-F \(map\)](#) affecting the Boundary Fire Planning Area is still in effect. US Highway 180 will remain closed until further notice and will be re-evaluated Sunday, June 18. For information about highway closures please visit [azdot.gov](http://azdot.gov) or visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at [www.az511.gov](http://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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