

SOUTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM #3

Alan Sinclair-Incident Commander

Smoldering continues; drier weather predicted

Wednesday July 20, 2016

Fire: Fuller Fire Containment: 5%

Acres: 14,131 **Start Date:** June 29, 2016

Cause: Lightning Location: Point Imperial, N. Rim Grand Canyon NP Total Personnel: 572 Fuels/Topography: Timber, grass, rugged terrain

Yesterday: Crews continued to hold and strengthen containment lines to the north and south of the fire. Firefighters also begin mop-up operations including the removal of hazard trees near roads along the fire perimeter. Internal smoldering continued to reduce the build-up of dead woody material on the forest floor.

Today: Additional rains and cloud cover are expected to limit new fire growth for a third day in a row. However with drier conditions predicted for Thursday, crews are continuing to prep existing roads to the north ahead of any potential fire growth. Along Cape Royal Road, firefighters will continue mop-up operations as they seek and destroy any hot spots near existing fire perimeter control lines. The fire will continue to smolder and creep toward the west and within the interior of the fire.

"There is still active fire on the landscape," said Stewart Turner, Fire Behavior Analyst with the Southwest Incident Management Team 3. "Our firefighters will remain vigilant as we hold the fire in some areas and allow healthy spread in others."

Smoke: South winds will push any light smoke produced to the north over the House Rock Valley area.

Closures: All USFS areas east of Highway 67 and south of Tater Ridge Rd (FSR 213) and east of House Rock Valley Rd (FSR 8910). Trails: Arizona Trail: Lindberg Hill north to the Park boundary; Ken Patrick Trail: starting at the Uncle Jim Trail junction; Point Imperial Trail; Nankoweap Trail; Saddle Mountain Trail, South Canyon Trail. Road closures include: Fuller Canyon Road; Cape Royal Road; Point Imperial Road; FSR 610; FSR 611. Closures will be in place until further notice. Highway 67 and the North Rim Visitor Center, Lodge and Campground are OPEN as well as FSR22 and Rainbow Rim Trail on Kaibab National Forest.

Fire Information:

Inciweb: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4845

Text Message: text "follow GrandCanyonNPS" to 40404

Facebook: facebook.com/FullerFire Twitter: twitter.com/GrandCanyonNPS Fire Information Center: 844-684-5411; Recorded Information: 928-638-7688