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Kaibab and Coconino National Forests



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Red Flag Warning in Effect Today and Tomorrow for Kaibab and Coconino National Forests

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for today and tomorrow for much of northern Arizona including all of the Kaibab and Coconino National Forests due to strong winds and low relative humidity.

Visitors to the Kaibab and Coconino National Forests are advised to refrain from having a campfire when Red Flag Warning conditions exist. This advisory covers all campfires across both forests, including in developed campgrounds.

Campfire and smoking restrictions went into effect this morning on the entire Coconino National Forest and on the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts of the Kaibab National Forest in order to reduce preventable human-caused fires. Restrictions have not yet been implemented on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.

Under the restrictions that were implemented this morning, fires are allowed in developed campgrounds only. However, during Red Flag Warning conditions, visitors are advised to refrain from having fires anywhere on the forest, including in developed campgrounds.

A Red Flag Warning occurs when the forecast shows strong wind and low relative humidity creating an increased potential for large fire growth. The campfire advisory remains in effect until the Red Flag Warning ends.

The National Weather Service predicts that over the next several days, periods of strong winds will combine with low relative humidity to create critical fire weather conditions. Visitors to the forests should use extreme caution.

For detailed weather information including warnings issued by the National Weather Service, visit www.wrh.noaa.gov/fgz/.

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