

# **FIRE** News Release

## **Kaibab National Forest Grand Canyon National Park**



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### **Greater Grand Canyon Area Fires Update 07.28.14**

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – With the return of monsoonal precipitation to all fires, growth and activity have slowed. Crews continue to monitor the fires and do preparation work ahead of drier conditions forecasted to return mid-week. Smoke will be much lighter today and tonight. Fire managers continue to coordinate with neighboring forests, national parks, municipal fire departments, and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to monitor smoke impacts. For more information on smoke and air quality please visit [www.azdeq.gov](http://www.azdeq.gov) or [wildlandfire.az.gov](http://wildlandfire.az.gov).

**Williams Ranger District:** Currently 4040 acres in size, the Sitgreaves Complex is located approximately 5 miles northwest of Parks, Ariz. Crews will monitor the fire and continue preparation work within the planning for future managed ignitions. Smoke will continue to shift as monsoonal winds vary.

**Tusayan Ranger District:** Currently 3486 acres in size, the McRae Fire is located approximately 5 miles southeast of Tusayan, Ariz. Today crews will continue preparation for future ignitions within the planning area. Smoke may become highly visible from Highway 64.

**North Kaibab Ranger District:** Currently 331 acres in size, the Quaking Fire is located approximately 40 miles southeast of Fredonia, Ariz. Today crews will continue to monitor the fire and initiate managed ignitions on FSR 271 as weather allows. Smoke is visible from the Rainbow Rim Trailhead and Highway 67.

**North Rim Grand Canyon:** Currently 303 acres in size, the Kanabownits Fire is located approximately 1 mile northeast of the historic Kanabownits Cabin on the Walla Valley Peninsula. Today crews are continuing to monitor the fire and do preparation work. Smoke is visible from the Rainbow Rim Trailhead and Highway 67.

#### **Get fire activity updates and maps 24 hours-a-day:**

Fire Information Line: 928-635-8311 (USFS) or 928-638-7819 (NPS)

Inciweb: [inciweb.nwcg.gov](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov)

Text Message: text 'follow kaibabnf' to 40404 (USFS) or [@GrandCanyonNPS](https://twitter.com/GrandCanyonNPS) on Twitter (NPS)



Historic photo from 1906 near the Twin Tanks area off FSR 74 showing mature tree densities of 20-50 trees per acre. Current mature tree densities are estimated at 1,000-1,500 trees per acre leading to increased threat of high intensity wildfires. (Photo credit: USFS)

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LOCALITY: Tusayan National Forest. Coconino County, Arizona		DATE: March 3, 1906	
SUBJECT: Mature and dead Western yellow Pine in draw with sapling growth on the ridges on each side. Reproduction in middle of draw. Ranger Platten near 28" Western yellow Pine.			DIAM.
SPECIES: <i>Pinus ponderosa</i>			HEIGHT.
RELATIVE SITUATION: Twp. 23 North Range 3 East. Sec. 24. Sale 224			DENSITY.
ALTITUDE.	SOIL.	HUMUS.	AGE.
SLOPE.	GROUND COVER.	TYPE.	EXPOSURE.
ROCK		STAND.	STOP.
			LIGHT.
			HOUR.
			DIRECTION.
			FIELD No.
			67192
		TAKEN BY	COL. No.

Documentation on reverse side of historic 1906 photograph shown above.