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Stina Fire Update: Burnout Operations Secure Firelines

Fredonia, Ariz., Aug. 14, 2018 — For Immediate Release. Weather conditions were favorable for burnout operations across the Stina Fire yesterday. Burnout operations occurred across three flanks yesterday, with the northeast flank having the most activity along a 1.5-mile stretch of fireline.

“We made big strides in securing the northeast edge of the fire yesterday,” said Incident Commander Trainee Dave Veater. Crews also started conducting burnout operations on the eastern and southern flank of the fire.

Resources:

Two 20-person hotshot crews and one 20-person Type-two hand crew
Seven fire engines
One Dozer
Miscellaneous overhead (a total of 104 personnel)

Stina Fire Overview

Start date: July 26, 2018

Size: 1,500 acres

Location: The Stina Fire is 23 miles southwest of Jacob Lake and about 2 miles east of Fire Point on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.

Fuel: Ponderosa pine, aspen and mixed conifer.

Weather: Forecasters anticipate a decreased chance of thunderstorms across the fire area today, but moisture is expected to increase later in the week.

Strategy: Full suppression

Situational Update: Today's plan is to continue burnout operations as opportunities present themselves on the east and southern flank of the fire. The north and northeast flank will be patrolled by engines and the hand crews concentrating on the burning operations.

Closures: A closure is in effect for Forest Roads 223 (going to Fire Point), 268, 206, 271, 609, 250 road south of the 250/294 junction, a portion of the 239 and all Rainbow Rim trails and scenic viewpoints south of Locust Point. The trail between Locust Point and Parissawampitts Point will remain open for forest visitors. The closure order will remain in place until it is considered safe to enter the area.

Smoke: Smoke is visible on both the North and South Rims of the park, and there is a regional haze present in surrounding communities from multiple wildfires in the West. Individuals sensitive to smoke can learn how to help protect their health by visiting the Coconino County Public Health Services District website at: <http://bit.ly/SmokeHealthAwareness>.

For fire information on the Kaibab National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab and Inciweb under the name of the fire at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov> or visit us on Facebook and Twitter @KaibabNF or call (928) 635-8311 for recorded fire information.

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