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Fire Managers to Change Tactics on Stina Fire

Fredonia, Ariz., Aug. 16, 2018 — For Immediate Release. Last daily update contingent on increased activity. The Stina Fire received additional moisture yesterday that is prompting a change in suppression tactics. Prior to the rain, the suppression tactic was an indirect strategy of using road systems and dozer lines to burn off of to secure containment lines. The strategy was in place as a safer way to control the fire due to the erratic fire behavior, thus not putting fire crews directly adjacent to the fire.

The recent rains have moderated the fire behavior and makes implementing burnout operations difficult. "We just do not have the right conditions to conduct successful burnouts," said Operations Section Chief Adam Pahl. Instead, crews will be using a direct suppression tactic that will combine digging firelines and hot spotting next to the fire where it is safe to do so.

Resources:

Two 20-person hotshot crews and one 20-person Type-two hand crew
Nine Fire Engines
One Dozer
One Water Tender
Miscellaneous overhead (a total of 122 personnel)

Stina Fire Overview

Start date: July 26, 2018

Size: 2,600 acres

Containment: 20%

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 40-50% chance of rain to remain in the forecast until the weekend.

Strategy: Full suppression

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Situational Update: Pending a change in conditions and fire behavior, this will be the last daily update for the Stina Fire. Today plans are to go direct with fireline construction and/or hot spot the fire's edge. Additional work for today will be to start chipping material that was thinned to prepare firelines and spreading that chipped material. The chipping will take place along approximately 10 miles of road where crews prepared firelines for burnout 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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