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Helicopter Crews to Use Kaibab Lake Water for Support of Wild Bill Fire on Coconino National Forest

WILLIAMS, AZ – Type 1 helicopter crews will be intermittently dipping water from Kaibab Lake in support of suppression efforts of the Wild Bill Fire on the Coconino National Forest beginning June 14th, 2013.

Fire Management staff on the Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest are urging anglers and day users of Kaibab Lake to use caution over the next several days as the helicopter dip tank will require the back half of the lake for safe dipping operations. Recreation users are cautioned to maintain a minimum ‘safety circle’ of 300 feet distance from the helicopter at all times.

Kaibab Lake, which is located about 4 miles northeast of Williams off of state Route 64, remains open for use. However, recreation users are encouraged to use other nearby lakes for activities including fishing and boating.

Dogtown Lake Campground is located about 6.5 miles southeast of Williams, and detailed information can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/kaibab/dogtown_lake. White Horse Lake Campground is located about 19 miles southeast of Williams, and detailed information can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/kaibab/white_horse.

There are also several recreational lakes in the Williams area that are not associated with campgrounds that are also stocked with fish. Information on these lakes is available through the Arizona Game and Fish Department at www.azgfd.gov/h_f/where_fish_north.shtml.

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