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Springs Fire continues to meet management objectives

Williams, Ariz., July 25, 2015—For Immediate Release. The lightning-caused Springs Fire continues to meet fire management objectives, allowing natural fire to play its part in the ecosystem, improving both wildlife habitat and overall forest health. Crews are monitoring growth and evaluating the need for actions to keep the fire at a low to moderate intensity. The potential for continued growth depends on a variety of factors to include weather conditions, potential fuel continuity and winds.

SPRINGS FIRE OVERVIEW

Yesterday: Fire managers performed blacklining operations on the south side of County Road 73/Perkinsville Rd., also known as the "South Road" between Forest Road 354 (near Kunde Knoll) to Forest Road 3117. County Road 73 will now serve as a boundary to stop or eliminate fire growth to the north.

Today: Blacklining may be conducted along boundaries near private lands, as the Springs Fire moves closer to sections of private land within the fire area.

Smoke: Light impacts can be expected in the Garland Prairie and Sherwood Forest areas as winds are forecasted out of the southwest. Smoke may be visible in the Bellemont and I-40 area, Dogtown Lake and White Horse Lake vicinity. Over the next several days the wildfire is expected to move up Summit Mountain, where smoke may be more visible from a greater distance.

Closures: No closures exist at this time, however campers are advised to be cautious when selecting campsites along Forest Road 354 and Forest Road 110.

Size: 410 acres

Start Date: July 2, 2015

Location: 9 miles southeast of Williams, near Davenport Knoll, to the west of Summit Mountain

Motorists should be cautious while traveling southbound on County Road 73 and Forest Road 354. Smoke in the area has reduced visibility, and the safety of both the general public and firefighters on the ground is a priority.

Additional Springs Fire information, photos and maps are available through the following resources: InciWeb http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4391/#; Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Phone Line (928) 635-8311; Text Message – text 'follow kaibabnf' to 40404.