

Arizona Central West Zone Type 3 Incident Management Team



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The Cat Takes a Nap

Fredonia, Ariz., Aug. 16, 2018 — For Immediate Release. *Last daily update contingent on increased activity.* Although the area has received light to moderate precipitation and smoke might not be visible in the air, the risk of fire is still present. Fires in heavy mixed conifer can lay down and wait out rain and moisture, only to reemerge once the fuels dry out. Forecasters predict a drying trend through the weekend which could rejuvenate the fire.

“We don’t want to become complacent, we want to take this opportunity to prepare for the event that this fire wakes up again,” explains Incident Commander RobRoy Williams. Crews will continue to prep contingency lines in preparation for the event that the fire becomes active again.

Resources:

Total of 96 personnel including two hotshot crews, seven engines, and two water tenders

Overview:

Date reported: August 6, 2018

Size: 3,688 acres

Strategy: Full suppression

Location: The Cat Fire is about 25 miles southeast of Jacob Lake in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.

Fuel: Mixed conifer, ponderosa pine, and pinyon-juniper.

Weather: Forecasters anticipate a continuation of scattered thunder showers in the area

Situational update: Most of the fire has received varying amounts of moisture during the past 24 hours, significantly slowing the fire progress. Crews will continue to monitor fire activity and have made substantial progress rehabilitating along Forest Roads 610 and 219 by chipping and spreading the woody debris, or slash, generated from the road preparation.

Closures: Fire management resources have closed all roads within the planning area boundary, which includes FR 213 and 220 on the north, FR 610 on the east and south, and House Rock Valley Road 8910 on the east.

The following trails are closed: Arizona Trail from FR 213 to FR 610, North Canyon Trail, South Canyon Trail, Saddle Mountain Trail, and Pt. Imperial and Nankoweap Trails, which are both located on Kaibab National Forest and Grand Canyon National Park land. The closure will remain in effect until it is considered safe to enter the area. Roads 213, 219, 220 south of 213, 610 (Marbleview, South Canyon), 611 (East Rim), and 8910 south of 220 are also closed.

Smoke: 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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