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North Zone Pine Hollow Fire update – Aug. 2, 2017

Fredonia, Ariz., Aug. 2, 2017 — For Immediate Release. Firefighters observed an increased amount of backing and flanking fire behavior along ridgelines yesterday as the lightning-caused Pine Hollow wildfire increased to an estimated size of 1,600 acres.

“Backing and flanking typically equates to less intense fire behavior,” said Type-4 Incident Commander Paul Lemmon. “With less extreme fire behavior there is usually less fire growth, less torching and fire consumption is more focused on ground fuels like the heavies, pine litter and duff. Fire behavior is more intense on the ground and less so in the canopy, which helps us meet one of our management objectives for this wildfire; to use fire to thin ponderosa pine regeneration and reduce surface fuel loads to approximately 5 tons-per-acre.”

Name: Pine Hollow Wildfire

Started: Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Cause: Lightning

Location: The fire is west of Big Springs Field Station in the vicinity of Little Mountain on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.

Size: Approximately 1,600 acres

Planning Area Boundary: 10,295 acres

Fuels: The wildfire is burning in ponderosa pine fuel type and debris left from the Pipeline Fire of 2009

Resources: 1 Type-4 Incident Commander, 1 Type-3 engine, 2 Type-6 engines, 1 fuels crew and 1 patrol

Weather Forecast: Partly cloudy then becoming mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning, then chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon.

Expected Actions: Continue monitoring fire behavior and implement firing operations as needed.

Additional fire activity updates may be obtained through the following sources:

- Kaibab National Forest Website: www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab
- InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5402/>
- Kaibab National Forest Fire Information phone line: (928) 635-8311
- Text Message – text ‘follow kaibabnf’ to 40404
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