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Fire behavior increases on both Cat, Stina Wildfires

Fredonia, Ariz., Aug. 8, 2018 — For Immediate Release. Fire activity continued to increase yesterday on the Stina and Cat Wildfires. Information and details are below.

Cat Fire Overview

Date reported: August 6, 2018

Fuel: Mixed conifer

Weather: Hot and dry conditions will continue across most of northern Arizona today.

Strategy: The current strategy is to contain and suppress this wildfire, which is located in the steep terrain of Wildcat Canyon in the vicinity of Saddle Mountain Wilderness.

Situational update: Hot and dry conditions on the North Kaibab Ranger District continued yesterday, with active fire behavior increasing between 2 and 4 pm – resulting in an estimated 2,000 acres growth on the Cat Fire.

Closures: Fire management resources are planning to close all roads within the planning area boundary, which is Forest Roads 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 will also be closed: Arizona Trail from FR213 to FR610, North Canyon Trail, South Canyon Trail and Pt. Imperial and Nankoweap Trails, which are both located on Kaibab National Forest and Grand Canyon National Park land. Patrols are currently placing closure signage and roving these areas to alert campers and hikers of this closure. An official closure order, including a map of the restricted area, will be posted on the Kaibab National Forest website under Alerts & Warnings once it is signed. The closure order will remain in place until lifted.

Stina Fire Overview

Start date: July 26, 2018

Fuel: Ponderosa Pine and Quaking Aspen

Weather: Hot and dry conditions will continue across most of northern Arizona today.

Strategy: The current strategy is to contain and suppress this wildfire, which is located northeast of Fire Point.

Situation: Active fire behavior continued yesterday, resulting in an estimated 450 acres as of this morning. Fire behavior is characterized as moderate and short moving, and resources are currently working to improve and hold the line along FR 206B.

Closures: A closure order is going into effect for Forest Roads 223 (going to Fire Point), 206, 271, 609, 250 road south of the 250/294 junction 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, including a map of the restricted area, will be posted on the Kaibab National Forest website under Alerts & Warnings once it is signed. The closure order will remain in place until lifted.

Smoke: Smoke is visible on both the North and South Rims of the park, and there is a regional haze present in surrounding communities. Fire managers recognize that air pollution from wildfire smoke can pose serious health risks for people residing in affected areas. For more information on local air quality resources, please visit <https://www.airnow.gov/>.

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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