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# News Release

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## Bald Fire Update:

**Williams, Ariz., July 30, 2018—For Immediate Release.** Thunderstorm outflows with shifting wind patterns are fanning flames and influencing growth on the Bald Fire located on Sitgreaves Mountain on the Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.

### BALD FIRE OVERVIEW

**Start Date:** July 22, 2018.

**Cause:** Lightning.

**Location:** South slope of Sitgreaves Mountain southwest of Spring Valley.

**Current Size:** Approximately 40 acres.

**Resources:** 1-Type 6 Engine, miscellaneous aircraft.

**Current Status:** Officials have been monitoring the Bald Fire for just over a week and will continue to watch fire behavior using aircraft and from vantage points on the ground below. The Lightning caused Bald Fire now 40 acres in size continues to burn within the 2014 Sitgreaves fire scar about halfway up the south slope. Because there are less control risks associated with this fire, managers are airing on the side of safety by limiting exposure keeping fire personnel off the steep terrain. Growth will likely continue as weather allows.

**Smoke:** Smoke will continue to be visible from a wide area around the mountain and could occasionally impact the communities of Spring Valley, Pittman Valley, Parks, and the Interstate 40 corridor. Motorists are asked to always use caution when ever driving near the vicinity of a fire.

For additional information the following sources are available:

InciWeb: [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6006/](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6006/)

Website: [www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab](http://www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab)

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