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Fisher Fire – 5:00 p.m. update

Flagstaff, Ariz. – Firefighters had a quiet day on the Fisher Fire as they patrolled the fire's perimeter gridding for smokes and hot spots. The fire, held to 175 acres, is at 75% containment. Safety was a big concern today with steep terrain, rolling rocks, and snags; no injuries were reported.

Westerly winds increased in strength early in the afternoon though were not a factor in fire activity. The National Weather Service issued a red flag warning today that is still in effect until 8:00 p.m. MST due to strong winds and a low relative humidity.

On Monday, firefighters will continue to seek out hot spots and mop up deeper into the interior of the perimeter; some resources will begin to demobilize. The weather is expected to see temperatures range from 53- 63 degrees with a low relative humidity between 8-13%, and winds with gusts up to 25 mph.

The public should remain aware of area closures around the vicinity of the fire which include some of the trail system.

Forest visitors should be aware of any fire restrictions or closures before they go camping or recreating, but also keep in mind that there is one fire regulation that never expires and is always enforced—your campfire must be out cold-to-the-touch before leaving your campsite.

FISHER FIRE SUMMARY

DATE OF DETECTION: April 11, 2014

CAUSE: Confirmed human-caused, specific cause undetermined; investigation ongoing.

CURRENT SIZE: 175 acres

CONTAINMENT: 75%

LOCATION: Near Fisher Point in Walnut Canyon; approx. 5 miles SE of Flagstaff

AGENCY: USDA Forest Service

RESOURCES: 7 Hotshot Crews, 3 Type Two Crews, 2 dozers, 5 water tenders, 1 lead plane, 1 Air Attack, 1 Type 1 and 1 Type 3 helicopter, 10 engines, and numerous fire personnel.

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