

FIRE ADVISORY

Kaibab National Forest



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Belknap Fire to Benefit Forest; 300 Acres in Size

TUSAYAN, Ariz – On August 26, 2014 fire personnel reported located the Belknap Fire near the Grandview Lookout Tower. With the return of favorable conditions, fire managers are taking advantage of drier weather to allow this natural fire to benefit the forest and surrounding communities by reducing hazardous fuels, opening dense tree stands, improving wildlife habitat, and protecting cultural resources.

Yesterday, the fire reached 300 acres and burned primarily to the northeast. To plan for fire growth, officials have identified a specific planning area of approximately 2,766 acres in which the fire could spread. “We have had a tremendously successful year in managing natural fires to play their role in keeping the forest healthy and our communities safer” said District Ranger, James Simino. “However, we’ve listened to community smoke concerns and we will continue to do everything we can to minimize smoke impacts in the Grand Canyon National Park and adjacent Navajo Nation lands.”

Variable winds, precipitation, and management tactics can change the amount of visible smoke each day. While varying monsoonal precipitation and winds are likely to change fire behavior and growth over the next several days, general fire behavior is anticipated to be low to moderate intensity. For more information on smoke and air quality please visit www.azdeq.gov or www.wildlandfire.az.gov.

Date/Time Reported: Tuesday August 26, 2014

Location: Southeast of Grandview Point and HWY 64

Cause: Lightning

Size: 300 acres

Landscape/Fuels: Ponderosa Pine and Pinyon/Juniper

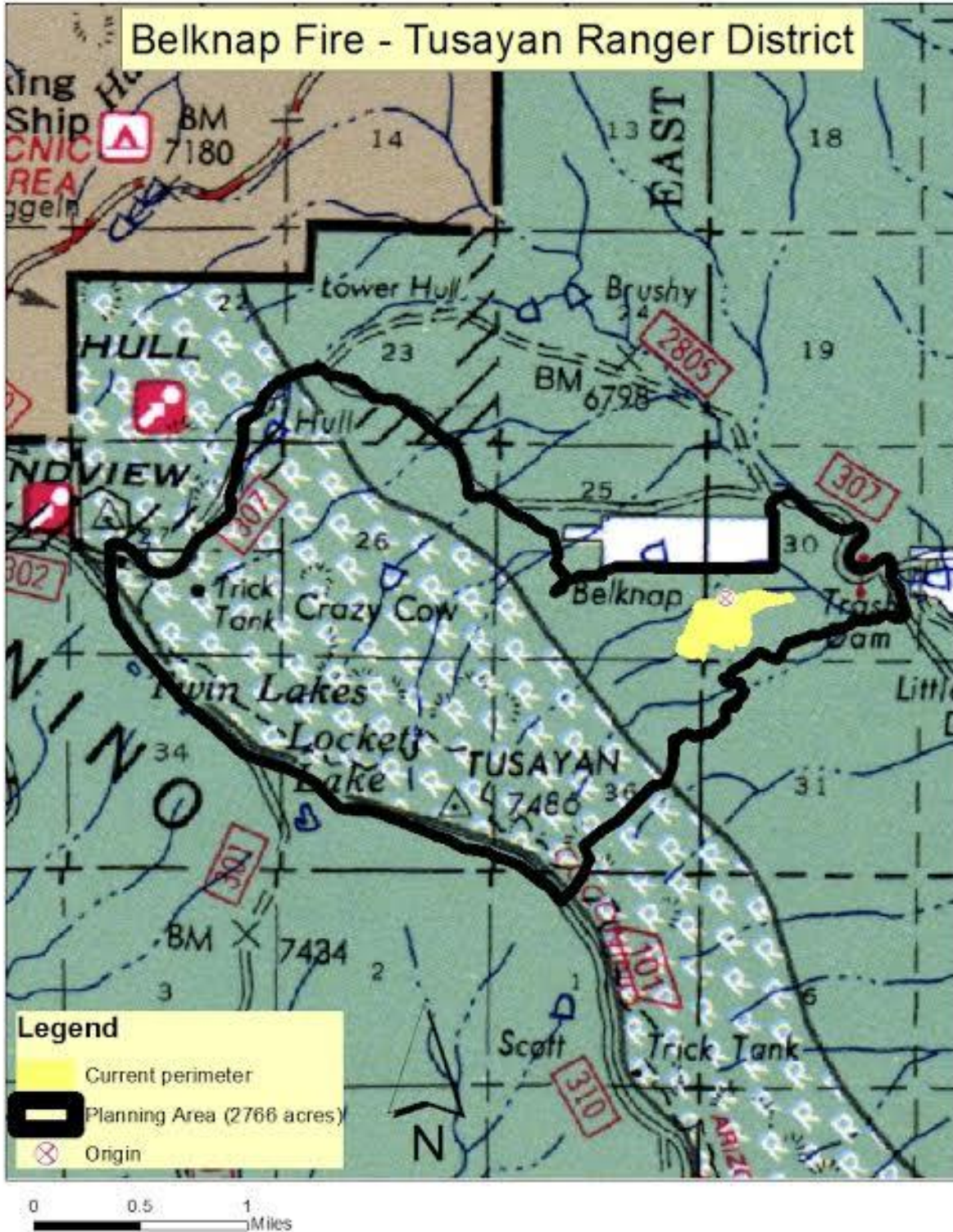
Fire Behavior: Majority Low to Moderate Intensity

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A map of the Belknap Fire at 300 acres (yellow) on August 30, 2014 with the total 2,766 acre planning area outlined in black.