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# News Release

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## Cat Fire Burns Aggressively Downslope to the East

**Fredonia, Ariz., Aug. 11, 2018 — For Immediate Release.** Active fire behavior was seen on the Cat Fire today, resulting in the consumption of an estimated 800 acres. Fire spread mainly downslope to the east and south predominately in ponderosa and pinyon-juniper fuel types.

### Overview

**Date reported:** August 6, 2018

**Size:** 2,118 acres

**Location:** The Cat Fire is about 25 miles southeast of Jacob Lake in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.

**Fuel:** Mixed conifer, ponderosa pine, and pinyon-juniper.

**Weather:** Forecasters anticipate a slight increase in moisture across the fire area.

**Strategy:** Full suppression

**Situational update:** Crews continued to focus control actions on the western side of the fire today as it moved closer to Forest Road 219, and very little growth occurred on the western flank. Management of the Cat Fire will transition to the Central West Zone Type 3 team under the command of Rob Williams on Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 6 a.m.

**Closures:** Fire management resources have closed all roads within the planning area boundary, which includes Forest Roads (FR) 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 are closed: Arizona Trail from FR 213 to FR 610, 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. The closure will remain in effect until it is considered safe to enter the area.

**Smoke:** Smoke is visible on both the North and South Rims of the park, and there is a regional haze present in surrounding communities from multiple wildfires in the West. Individuals sensitive to smoke can learn how to help protect their health by visiting the Coconino County Public Health Services District website at: <http://bit.ly/SmokeHealthAwareness>.

For fire information on the Kaibab National Forest, visit [www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab](http://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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