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Boulin Fire Increasing in Size, Protection Operations Ramp Up

Williams, Ariz., August 12, 2019—For Immediate Release. As warm temperatures and dry conditions endure, the 30 acre Boulin Fire on the Williams Ranger District is actively growing and is expected to continue spreading favorably over the next few days.

Yesterday crews prepared a section of the Historic Beale Wagon Trail (Forest road 713) along the northeast portion of the planning area for a black line operation to secure the fire at the containment edge. Management ignitions are scheduled to occur today that will include a helicopter for aerial ignition of steeper terrain, while ground crews secure control lines near private residences.

"Our priority for today's operations will be focused around the protection of residences and private property adjacent to this fire" said Incident Commander Trainee Tyler Richwine. "Once completed, we are confident that the risks will be greatly reduced removing any threat the fire could pose to these inholdings". These methods are used when necessary to provide for the protection of life, property, and public safety.

Although the initial planning area was defined at 4200 acres, fire may not necessarily move thru the entire designated landscape. Other effective control features will likely be considered as opportunities arise and objectives are being accomplished. Changing weather conditions will also be an influencing factor in the fires behavior and final size.

A noticeable increase in smoke volume will occur today however will reduce rapidly after the ignition operation is complete. Ventilation is expected to be very good throughout the day lessening the effects overnight. This strategy will also reduce the total number of days smoke could potentially linger in the vicinity. Smoke will continue to be visible from Highway 64 and many communities Including Williams, Pittman Valley, Garland Prairie, Spring Valley, Parks, Red Lake, Pumpkin Center, Bellemont, and Flagstaff.





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Additional information about the Boulin Fire, and the Kaibab National Forest can be obtained through the following sources:

- InciWeb inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6511/
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/KaibabNF
- Kaibab Facebook: www.facebook.com/KaibabNF
- Kaibab website "Recent News": www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab
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