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Cat Fire Update

Fredonia, Ariz., Sept. 16, 2018 — For Immediate Release. Located in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest and bolstered by warm dry weather and high winds, the Cat Fire has now grown to 4,108 acres. Most of the growth has taking place on the fire's southern flank.

Cat Fire Overview:

Date reported: August 6, 2018

Cause: Lightning

Size: 4,108 acres

Personnel: 35

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/mountain mahogany.

Weather: Warm and dry conditions with periods of high winds continue to persist over northern Arizona.

Strategy: The strategy continues to be to contain and suppress this wildfire when and where firefighters have the high probability to successfully do so.

Closures: Fire managers are planning to re-implement area, road and trail closures. Closure information will be provided separately upon final approval of the closure order.

Smoke: Smoke will continue to be highly visible from a wide area around the plateau. Smoke impacts have been minimal thus far but may occasionally effect the communities to the north and the northeast. Motorists are asked to always use caution when driving near or around all fires. For more information on local air quality resources, please visit <https://www.airnow.gov/>.

For additional information the following sources are available:

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