FIRE News Release

Kaibab National Forest Grand Canyon National Park



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Greater Grand Canyon Area Fires Update 07.29.14

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – With the return of monsoonal precipitation to all fires, growth and activity have slowed. Crews continue to monitor the fires and do preparation work ahead of drier conditions forecasted to return mid-week. Smoke will be much lighter today and tonight. Fire managers continue to coordinate with neighboring forests, national parks, municipal fire departments, and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to monitor smoke impacts. For more information on smoke and air quality please visit www.azdeq.gov or wildlandfire.az.gov.

Williams Ranger District: Currently 4040 acres in size, the Sitgreaves Complex is located approximately 5 miles northwest of Parks, Ariz. Crews will monitor the fire and continue preparation work within the planning for future managed ignitions. Smoke will continue to shift as monsoonal winds vary.

Tusayan Ranger District: Currently 3486 acres in size, the McRae Fire is located approximately 5 miles southeast of Tusayan, Ariz. The managed area received rain last night and throughout the day, so fire behavior is down to creeping and smoldering. Crews will continue preparation for future ignitions within the planning area along Highway 64.

North Kaibab Ranger District: Currently 331 acres in size, the Quaking Fire is located approximately 40 miles southeast of Fredonia, Ariz. Plan for today and tomorrow is to begin chipping all slash removed during the prep phase of the fire. Smoke is visible from the Rainbow Rim Trailhead and Highway 67.

North Rim Grand Canyon: Currently 303 acres in size, the Kanabownits Fire is located approximately 1 mile northeast of the historic Kanabownits Cabin on the Walla Valley Peninsula. Today crews are continuing to monitor the fire and do preparation work. Smoke will continue to be visible as the fire smolders.

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