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# News Release

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## Crews Respond to 50 Acre Wildfire 3 Miles Southeast of Tusayan

**TUSAYAN, Ariz., August 3, 2020** – Fire crews from the Kaibab National Forest, Tusayan Fire Department, and Grand Canyon National Park responded to a wildfire Monday morning about 3 miles southeast of the town of Tusayan. The 50 acre lightning caused "Halfway Fire" was discovered by local aircraft and most likely started the day before from a passing thunderstorm.

Multiple resources have been working on the fire Monday including a helicopter, a dozer, 3 engines and miscellaneous overhead. Additional resources have been ordered to assist from neighboring forests and are expected to arrive later today.

The fire is moving in an easterly direction and is not posing a threat to any developed areas or Infrastructure at this time.

Smoke may be visible at times from the town of Tusayan, Grand Canyon Airport, highway 64, and from the east rim drive in Grand Canyon National Park. Motorists are asked to be aware of fire personnel and vehicles and use caution if driving near the vicinity of the fire.

Updates will be provided as they become available via news releases and the following websites:

- InciWeb [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6912/](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6912/)
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