## **FIRE ADVISORY** Kaibab National Forest



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## **Resource Benefit Fires Update 07.23.14**

WILLIAMS, AZ –Today crews will again continue active managed ignitions on all three fires across the forest. These ignitions are to strengthen existing road perimeters and keep fire progressing within the planning areas. Smoke impacts will continue to vary each day. For more information on smoke and air quality please visit <u>www.azdeq.gov</u> or <u>wildlandfire.az.gov</u>.

Williams Ranger District: Currently 1960 acres in size, the Sitgreaves Complex is located approximately 5 miles northwest of Parks, AZ. Fire continues to move down slope and to the west. Aerial ignitions may continue along the north side of the mountain as needed. Some moderate fire intensity, including tree torching, is helping to reduce tree density and improve openings for future Aspen regeneration. A community meeting for the greater Parks, AZ area has been scheduled for Wednesday July 23, 2014 at 5:30pm at the Maine School Gymnasium. A closure order has also been placed for the northern section of the planning area for firefighter and public safety.

**Tusayan Ranger District:** Currently 2700 acres in size, the McRae Fire is located approximately 5 miles southeast of Tusayan, AZ. Yesterday as a wind shift moved smoke towards the town of Tusayan, crews stopped all ignitions. Today crews are planning more managed ignitions as needed within the planning area. Smoke may become highly visible from Highway 64.

**North Kaibab Ranger District:** Currently 112 acres in size, the Quaking Fire is located approximately 40 miles southeast of Fredonia, AZ. Today crews are planning managed ignitions as needed along FSRs 271. Smoke is visible from the Rainbow Rim Trailhead and Highway 67.

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Firefighters put in drag and hand line in preperation for future firing operations on the Sitgreaves Complex near Parks, AZ. (Photo Credit: USFS/ Holly Krake)

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