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News Release

Firefighters gain ground on 800-acre Mangum Fire

FREDONIA, Ariz., June 10, 2020 — Firefighters were able to gain ground yesterday on the 800-acre Mangum Fire due to less windy conditions and the arrival of additional fire resources. Crews successfully began establishing potential boundaries to the wildfire's future growth along the eastern, northern and western perimeters.

Today, firefighters plan to conduct burnout operations and establish dozer line to the north of the wildfire along Forest Road 769 as well as scouting for opportunities to construct hand line in key locations. Fire managers have identified areas that have been treated in the recent past with prescribed fire or other forest restoration treatments as potential locations to catch the growing wildfire. The Kaibab National Forest has completed a significant number of fuels reduction and forest health projects near the Mangum Fire area in recent years, which should aid in the firefighting effort.

A Type 2 Incident Management Team will assume command of the Mangum Fire at 6 p.m. today.

The Mangum Fire is located about 9 miles southwest of Jacob Lake and 16 miles north of the boundary with the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park.

MANGUM FIRE OVERVIEW

- **Discovery Date:** June 8, 2020
- **Cause:** Under investigation
- **Percent Contained:** 0
- **Location (point of origin):** 36.251 latitude, -112.144 longitude. Near Mangum Camp east of Forest Road 22 about 1 3/4 miles north of Big Springs on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.
- **Current Resources:** 4 hotshot crews, 8 engines, 1 water tender, 1 dozer and miscellaneous fire management personnel. Total personnel approximately 130.
- **Current Size:** Approximately 800 acres



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- **Predicted Smoke Impacts:** Smoke is visible from both the north and south rims of Grand Canyon National Park, Jacob Lake, Highway 67, Highway 89A, Fredonia, Kanab and Page. For smoke and air quality information, visit the [Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Smoke Management Division](#).
- **Evacuations:** None

Current Closures: A temporary closure is in effect along approximately 7 miles of Forest Road 22 between roads 462 and 429 in order to allow for active firefighting operations. Temporary road detours and closures are possible in the immediate fire area in order to provide for public and firefighter safety.

Recent and Current Operations: Fire managers used airtankers yesterday to drop retardant in critical areas to the south of the Mangum Fire in order to limit fire spread toward Big Springs. Crews also established dozer and hand line on the north side of the fire off of Forest Road 769. Boundary lines were prepped, and fire crews successfully conducted burnout operations to halt the wildfire's future movement along a key road system.

Mangum Fire information is also available through the following sources:

- Kaibab National Forest Website: www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/KaibabNF
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/KaibabNF
- Mangum Fire InciWeb: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6748/

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