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Boulin Fire Update

Williams, Ariz., August 15, 2019—For Immediate Release. Slightly warmer temperatures yesterday propelled the Boulin Fire on the Williams Ranger District to grow an additional 400 acres bringing the total size to 1155. Growth can be expected as weather conditions remain warm and dry.

BOULIN FIRE OVERVIEW

Start Date: August 5, 2019.

Cause: Lightning.

Location: East of Spring Valley near The Beale Wagon Trail and forest roads 141, 713, and 730.

Current Size: 1155 acres.

Incident Commander: Nick Behrends ICT4 / Tyler Richwine ICT4T.

Resources: One-Type 2 Hand crew, one- Fuels crew, two-Type 6 Engines, two-Type 3 Engines, one-Patrol unit, one-Dozer, and eight- Miscellaneous overhead. Total personnel assigned is 50.

Current Status:

Fire behavior continues to burn with a low to moderate intensity backing through grasses and ponderosa pine litter consuming dead and down fuels. Crews periodically ignite the edges of the containment lines to stay aligned with the fires natural progression. There have been no holding problems as the fire advances within the planning area.

Smoke: Smoke impacts have been evaluated consistently throughout this incident due to the proximity of this fire being situated adjacent to developed residential areas north of Parks and Williams. Fire officials recognize the inconvenience smoke can cause to the community and use strategies to minimize the volume and duration whenever possible. The goal is to shorten the overall length of time that smoke will be produced by managing fire in a controlled situation as opposed to an uncontrolled wildfire event that can have longer lasting impacts. Cooler night time air will continue to push smoke down settling into low lying drainages in the evening but will lift rapidly in the early morning hours as surfaces warm.

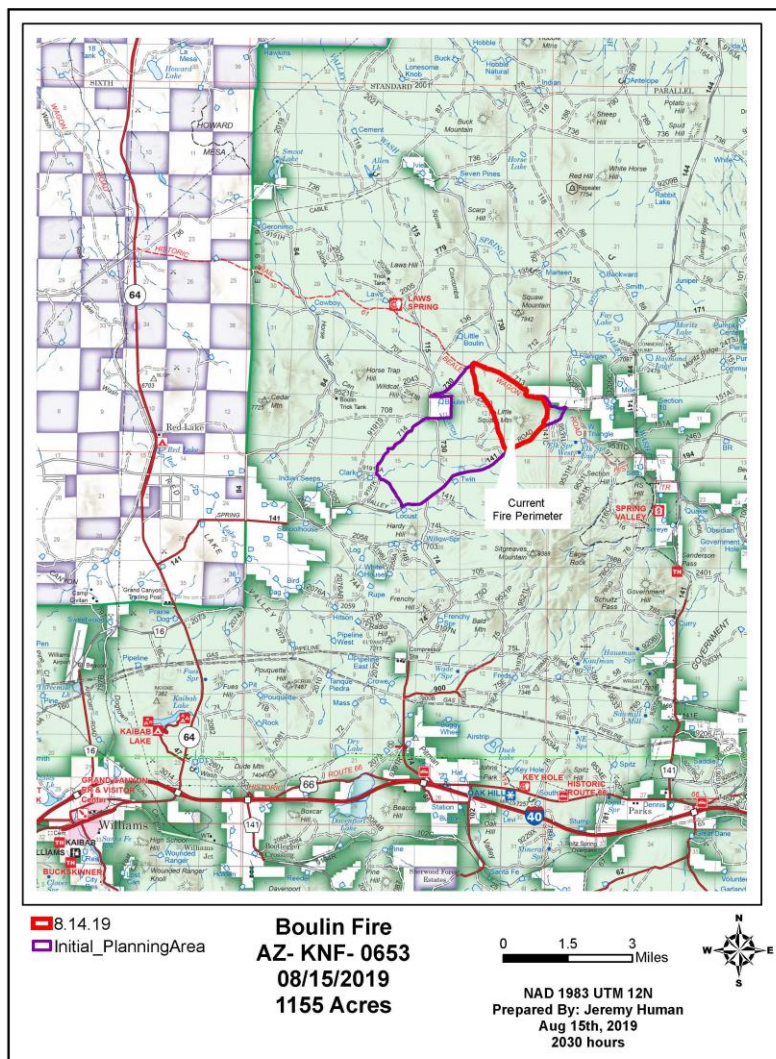




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Additional information about the Boulin Fire, and the Kaibab National Forest can be obtained through the following sources:

- InciWeb inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6511/
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/KaibabNF
- Kaibab Facebook: www.facebook.com/KaibabNF
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