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Sam Jim Fire Update

September 19, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

Location:

- Black Mesa Ranger District
- Approximately 4 miles South of Chevelon Lake

Discovery Date: September 5, 2016

Size: Approximately 1,191 acres in size in light to medium fuels **Percent Contained:** 40%

Location: T12N/R14E/Sec 15 (East side of Slim Jim Canyon)

Cause: Lightning

Resources Assigned: one Type 6 Engine and Miscellaneous overhead

Summary: The Sam Jim Fire is burning in ponderosa pine with a grass understory and in mixed conifer. Resources were applied this past weekend to contain the fire on the east, west and south ends of the fire containing it within the boundary of FR 170. The north end of the fire is in steep canyon country with a high occurrence of snags. Fire fighter safety is our number one priority and placing them in steep unstable terrain could have adverse effects, so we will continue to monitor this area.

Smoke may be visible on Forest Roads 504 and 170 and also visible in the Forest Lakes and Heber-Overgaard areas. If you have any further questions please contact the Black Mesa Ranger District at (928) 535-7300.

Fire Information: Further information on this incident is available on 311 via your mobile device, landline 928.333.3412, Inciweb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5015/>, https://twitter.com/A_SNFs and <https://www.facebook.com/apachesitgreavesnfs>.