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Bert Fire Update:

Williams, Ariz., June 6, 2016—For Immediate Release. As warmer and drier weather conditions persist over the region, the Bert Fire on the Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest continues to increase in size with desirable effects.

BERT FIRE OVERVIEW

Start Date: May 28, 2016.

Cause: Lightning.

Location: Ten miles southeast of Valle on highway 180 near Ebert Mountain.

Current Size: Approximately 2175 acres.

Incident Command Team: Quentin Johnson Type 3

Resources: 1-Type 1 crew, 1-Type 2 crew, 1-11 person Fuels crew, 2-Type 3 engines, 1-Type 6 engine, 1-dozer and 1- resource advisor. Total personnel assigned is 79.

Smoke: Smoke is now moving to the northeast away from developed residential areas and ventilation is expected to be excellent by the afternoon of each day. Some low lying smoke may settle in the early morning hours along a portion of highway 180 adjacent to the fire but will lift and clear out rapidly as the ground surface warms up.

Current Operations: Crews continue working to strengthen containment lines and are completing preparations for a possible increase in fire activity as forecasted winds speeds are expected to increase throughout the day. Fuel moistures and weather are also being evaluated daily to help predict fire behavior trends over the next several days.

The speed limit has been reduced to 45 mph along a portion of highway 180 and motorists are asked to drive with extreme caution when passing through the area where fire personnel are working.

To view recent spherical panoramas and photos of the Bert Fire and the area in which it is burning, visit <http://bit.ly/BertFire2016>. Additional fire information for the Kaibab National Forest can be obtained through the following sources: InciWeb <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4751/>; Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Phone Line (928) 635-8311; Text Message – text ‘follow kaibabnf’ to 40404.

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