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BALKE FIRE

June 8, 2016

Location:

- Alpine Ranger District
- 1 mile northwest of Hannagan Meadow Lodge
- North of FSR 576
- West of Balke Cabin

Discovery Date: June 7, 2016, reported at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Size: Approximately 4-5 acres

Percent Contained: 0

Cause: Lightning

Growth Potential: Low – Moderate

Resources Assigned: 3 Engines, 1 Hotshot Crew, 1 Dozer, and 1 Feller Buncher

Summary:

The Balke Fire started in the Wallow Fire scar near Balke Cabin. Due to a large amount of snags from the Wallow Fire it is unsafe to put fire personnel directly on the fire. Personnel are prepping roads in the area to reduce hazards from snags. Structure protection is in place for the historic Balke Cabin.

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

For information on smoke and your health, check out https://nmtracking.org/en/environ_exposure/fire-and-smoke/#xEPHT_fivemile_1329.