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Wildcat Fire update As of 8:30 pm

Fredonia, Ariz., June 15, 2016 — For Immediate Release. The lightning-caused Wildcat Fire became more active this afternoon and rapidly grew to an estimated 2,000 acres on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest.

The following is a brief overview:

Start Date: June 13, 2016

Location: South of Highway 89A and southwest of the Forest Road 8910 and 211 junction within the vicinity of the South Canyon trailhead in Saddle Mountain Wilderness.

Cause: Lightning caused.

Fire movement: The fire is currently burning in a northeast direction from the House Rock Buffalo Ranch.

Management strategy: Full suppression.

Current size: Estimated 2,000 acres.

Resources: There are currently 200 personnel assigned to the fire under the command of a type-3 incident commander. Resources include 1 type-3 engine crew, 1 type-3 helicopter, 1 type-2 helicopter, 1 type-1 helicopter, Wildcat Air Attack, Mormon Lake Hotshots, Sawtooth Hotshots, 2 Task Force Leaders, 1 Task Force Leader trainee, and miscellaneous overhead.

Fuel Type: Pinyon/Juniper, grasses and shrubs.

Smoke: Visitors can expect to see smoke as the wildfire is highly visible from Highway 89A.

Forest visitors may call the Kaibab National Forest fire information phone line at (928) 635-8311 for current conditions and the status of fire restrictions, and additional fire information for the Wildcat Fire can be obtained through InciWeb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4782/>.

To find out where fire restrictions are in effect in Arizona, visit www.firerestrictions.us/az.

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