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Tusayan Ranger District Fire Update

Tusayan, Ariz., July 12, 2016—For Immediate Release. Fire crews are continuing to improve the fire lines and mop up along the outer perimeter of the Scott Fire. Unburned pockets of green well within the perimeter of the fire continue to put up smoke when they ignite, particularly in the heat of the late afternoon. Incident commander, Gregory Juvan, stated that he is feeling comfortable with the current fire status and that crews continue to be very successful at maintaining the fire lines. Over the next few days, some fire crews will be released and made available for other fire assignments. If driving near the area of the burn, please drive with extreme caution and be mindful of fire fighters working along the roads.

Containment of the Airstrip fire has increased as fire activity remains minimal and crews are monitoring and mopping up where needed. For the next few days some smoke will be noticeable along Highway 64 in the cool early mornings, but it will dissipate as the air heats up. This will be the last daily update regarding the Airstrip Fire. Additional updates will be sent out if there are changes in the status of the fire. Information for the Airstrip Fire will continue to be available at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4839/>

AIRSTRIP FIRE OVERVIEW

Start Date: June 29, 2016.

Cause: Lightning.

Location: Just south of Tusayan east of Highway 64.

Current Size: Approximately 679 acres. 75% contained.

Incident Commander: Brandon Oberhardt ICT4

Resources: 2-Type 6 engines, 1-Type 3 engine. Total personnel assigned is 13.

SCOTT FIRE OVERVIEW

Start Date: June 28, 2016.

Cause: Lightning.

Location: 11 miles east of Tusayan in the Upper Basin and Coconino rim near forest roads 310 and 307

Current Size: Approximately 2660 acres. 25% contained.

Incident Commander: Gregory Juvan ICT3 / Brandon Allen ICT3-T

Resources: 2- IHC Hotshot crews, 2-Type 2 hand crews, 1-Fuels crew, 2-Type 3 engines, 2-Type 6 engines, 3-Tactical water tenders, 3-Helicopters, 2-Dozers and 8- Resource specialists. Total personnel assigned is 172.

Temporary flight restrictions remain in place over the Scott Fire vicinity to restrict private aircraft from interfering in the air space where helicopters are assisting with mop up operations.

A 9-mile section of the Arizona Trail and a large area of National Forest surrounding the Scott Fire will remain closed to provide for public safety while operations continue. Forest officials are working closely with fire managers and will reopen the trail and area as soon as it is safe to do so. Trail and area closure information are available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/kaibab/alerts-notice/?aid=35045>.

Additional fire information for the Kaibab National Forest can be obtained through the following inciweb sources:

Scott Fire <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4840/>

Airstrip Fire <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4839/>

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