



## SOUTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM #3

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### Firefighters Continue to Focus on Minimizing Fire Spread on the Kaibab National Forest

Thursday, July 14, 2016, 10 pm

**Fire:** Fuller Fire  
**Acres:** 2,949 acres  
**Cause:** Lightning

**Total Personnel:** 500  
**Start Date:** June 29, 2016  
**Location:** N. Rim of Grand Canyon, near Point Imperial  
**Fuels/Topography:** Timber, rugged terrain

**Today's Activity:** Today winds from the south and southwest, up to 20mph, with a low relative humidity of 9% led to continued fire growth. The fire is currently estimated to be approximately 2,949 acres due to better mapping.

The north end of the fire is currently burning aspen and Ponderosa Pine. Firefighters used dozers on the Kaibab National Forest and hand lines to tie into Forest Road 610, which serves as a natural fuel break. They also conducted burnout operations from the main fire, west along Forest Road 610 to establish a buffer of burned fuel to help confine the fire south of the boundary with Grand Canyon National Park.

The west side of the fire is currently burning in spruce/fir that hasn't burned in recent history. However winds from the South and Southwest are keeping the fire's spread west in check.

On the east side of the fire, the fire continued to progress toward Point Imperial. In some areas, burning fuels have rolled over the rim onto benches in the canyon below.

On the southwest side, firefighters completed hand line from the Fuller Canyon Road west to Highway 67 to help limit progression further to the southwest.

The southern end of the fire is burning in mixed conifer. In this area, firefighters started prepping from the southwest finger east to the junction of the Point Imperial and Cape Royal Roads.

Approximately 7 miles northwest of the fire, firefighters began prepping around the historic North Rim cabin and Fire Lookout Tower as a contingency in the event the fire progresses further west in the future.

Helicopters were utilized for reconnaissance flights and dropping water on the northeast side of the fire.

**Plan to Tomorrow:** Tomorrow crews will continue to prep along Forest Road 610 and may continue ignitions to strengthen the fireline if weather conditions are favorable. Firefighter also plan to conduct firing operations along the Point Imperial Road as needed. Fire managers will continue to use a full range of actions to direct or minimize the spread of fire as needed.

**Strategy:** The Fuller Fire is being managed for both resource and protection objectives. Resource objectives include returning fire to a fire-adapted ecosystem. Protection objectives include the protection of sensitive wildlife habitat and other values at risk.

**Objectives:** Fire managers continue to focus on trying to keep the fire East of Highway 67, North of the Fuller Canyon Road and Point Imperial Road, and South of the FS 610 Road and Saddle Mountain Trail, where they can do so safely and effectively.

**Weather:** Conditions tomorrow are expected to be similar to today. Hot, dry and windy conditions are expected to continue through the weekend.

**Trail Closures:**

- Arizona Trail is closed from Lindberg Hill, north to the park boundary
- Ken Patrick Trail, beginning at the Junction with the Uncle Jim Trail
- Point Imperial Trail; Nankoweap Trail
- Saddle Mountain Trail
- South Canyon Trail

**Road Closures:**

- Fuller Canyon Road
- Cape Royal Road
- Point Imperial Road
- FS 610 Road
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**Highway 67 and the North Rim Developed Area remain open.**

**Smoke:** Smoke is visible from Highway 67 and the North Rim, Kanab, Marble Canyon, Cameron, and the South Rim. Winds from the West and Southwest are expected to continue to move smoke toward the East and Northeast. If it looks smoky, you may want to limit or avoid exercise or other outdoor activities. Visit <http://wildlandfire.az.gov/links.asp#Smoke> for more information on smoke and your health.

**Do Not Fly Drones Near Wildfires:** A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in effect. Please remember, if you fly, we can't. Drones near wildfires are not safe. Visit <http://www.nifc.gov/drones/> for more information.

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