



SOUTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM #3

Alan Sinclair-Incident Commander

High winds drive significant fire spread

Sunday July 17, 2016

Fire: Fuller Fire
Acres: 11, 382
Cause: Lightning
Total Personnel: 511

Containment: 0%
Start Date: June 29, 2016
Location: Point Imperial, N. Rim Grand Canyon NP
Fuels/Topography: timber, rugged terrain

Yesterday: Strong winds pushed the fire on a four and a half mile run to the northeast through the Saddle Mountain Wilderness. Additional growth was reported to the south below the rim near Ehrenberg Point. Crews conducted a second night of burnout operations along Cape Royal Road to prevent fire growth to the east of the Road along the rim.

Today: Firefighters will continue to hold fire to the east of Cape Royal Road using firing operations when needed. To the north, the fire has moved out of the Wilderness into grasses in the South Canyon Point area of the Kaibab National Forest. Crews will use existing roads and natural features wherever possible to limit future fire spread in this area. To the west, low and moderate fire behavior will continue to benefit the spruce-fir ecosystem of the North Rim.

“We are balancing the need to protect resources where appropriate while still allowing the fire to spread naturally where it is safe to do so, said Rick Miller, Deputy Incident Commander. “To the north and south that means limiting fire growth, while to the west it will continue to back slowly through the fire-adapted ecosystem.

Smoke: Light to moderate smoke from today’s fire activity will spread to the northeast reaching into Page, Kayenta, and the northeast areas of the Navajo Nation. For more information on smoke and air quality please visit: wildlandfire.az.gov/links.asp#smoke

Closures: All USFS areas east of Highway 67 and south of Tater Ridge Rd (FSR 213) and east of House Rock Valley Rd (FSR 8910). Trails: Arizona Trail: Lindberg Hill north to the Park boundary; Ken Patrick Trail: starting at the Uncle Jim Trail junction; Point Imperial Trail; Nankoweap Trail; Saddle Mountain Trail, South Canyon Trail. Road closures include: Fuller Canyon Road; Cape Royal Road; Point Imperial Road; FSR 610; FSR 611. Closures will be in place until further notice. **Highway 67 and the North Rim Visitor Center, Lodge and Campground are OPEN as well as FSR22 and Rainbow Rim Trail on Kaibab National Forest.**

Fire Information:

Inciweb: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4845

Text Message: text “follow GrandCanyonNPS” to 40404

Facebook: [facebook.com/FullerFire](https://www.facebook.com/FullerFire)

Twitter: twitter.com/GrandCanyonNPS

Fire Information Center: 844-684-5411; Recorded Information: 928-638-7688

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