



SOUTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM #3

Alan Sinclair-Incident Commander

Higher humidity slows fire growth; Ecological benefits continue

Monday July 18, 2016

Fire: Fuller Fire
Acres: 13, 685
Cause: Lightning
Total Personnel: 554

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

Yesterday: Winds continued to spur natural fire growth to the north across the fire-adapted landscape. However, increased cloud cover and higher humidity moderated fire behavior, allowing for additional control work to the northeast and south. Crews conducted burnout operations on the northeast end of the fire near FSR 8910 in the South Canyon Point area. Firefighters also conducted two miles of burnout operations overnight along Cape Royal Road to help prevent new fire spread on the Walhalla Plateau.

“This fire will help restore and protect the beauty and health of this forest for generations to come,” said Chris Marks, National Park Service Deputy Fire Management Officer. “This is an incredibly unique opportunity for visitors to see not only the canyon itself, but fire playing its role on the land.”

Today: Higher humidity throughout the day will reduce fire spread along most of the fire perimeter. Firefighters will continue to hold and strengthen existing fireline along Cape Royal Road. Crews will utilize existing roads and dozer line in the northeast to limit future fire spread in this area as the fire moves in grass areas. Pending favorable conditions, burnout operations may occur to strengthen this fireline.

Smoke: With moderated fire growth, fire mangers anticipate light smoke from today’s fire activity. Smoke may 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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