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Baldwin Fire Update

July 23, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Location:

- Black Mesa Ranger District
- 4-5 miles south of Heber-Overgaard

Discovery Date: July 19, 2016

Size: Approximately 120 acres in size in light to medium fuels **Percent Contained:** 10%

Location: The fire is bound by FR 50, 50A, 166, 487 **Cause:** Lightning

Resources Assigned: At this time, fire is in monitor status with two Forest Service hand crews

Summary: Fire Area received significant moisture. Fire is burning in the Rodeo/Chediski burn area. The Baldwin Fire is not a threat to the communities of Heber and Overgaard. However, smoke from the fire may be visible from the community at times, and smoke may drift into Heber, Overgaard, Forest Lakes, Highway 260 and surrounding areas throughout the weekend. The fire is bound by major Forest Service system roads at this time.

The Black Mesa Ranger District had 8 additional lightning caused fires burning on the district. The Horse Fire and the Rice fire are 20 acres each. The Daze fire is 5.5 acres. Crews have lines dug around them and are mopping up. Smoke is also coming from a small fire on the Fort Apache Reservation (Chuck Box Fire). This fire is due south and below the Mogollon Rim. Smoke from this fire may also impact the Heber and Overgaard communities.

Forest users are responsible for their own safety and are encouraged to use caution as they utilize their Forest, and to do so in a responsible manner to ensure the protection of life, property and natural resources. Be aware of your surroundings – *"Look up, look down and look around."*

If you have any further questions please contact the Black Mesa Ranger District at (928) 535-7300.

Fire Information: Further information on this incident is available on Inciweb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4880/>; 311 via your mobile device, landline 928.333.3412, https://twitter.com/A_SNFs and <https://www.facebook.com/apachesitgreavesnfs>