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Coco Fire Grows To 35 Acres

Tusayan, Ariz., July 26, 2016—For Immediate Release. Yesterday, crew members finished the preparation work of burning out the area along Forest Road 2719 in order to prevent the fire from going beyond that. Today, firefighters will continue by burning along approximately 2 miles of the Arizona Trail from Watson Trick Tank to Forest Road 303. This work will reduce any potential for high intensity fire and improve safety to users of the trail.

The Arizona Trail will be open to hikers, however, it is advised to use caution as there will be some smoke in the area. The winds today will be out of the northeast and smoke is expected to be visible from Highway 64 and the Grand Canyon East Rim Drive as well as from the town of Valle.

COCO FIRE OVERVIEW:

Start Date: July 22, 2016

Cause: Lightning

Location: 6 miles southeast of Tusayan, near the junction of Forest Road 302 and 2719

Current Size: 35 acres

Incident Commander: Jason McClain, Type 4 IC and Dave Barringer, Type 4 IC-T

Resources: Three-type 6 engines; One-type 3 engine; One-10 person hand crew

For more information:

- Inciweb: [Coco Fire - inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4881/](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4881/)
- Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Phone Line (928) 635-8311; Text Message – text ‘follow kaibabnf’ to 40404
- Coco Fire Photo Album on Flickr: bit.ly/CocoFirePhotos
- Kaibab National Forest Twitter: www.twitter.com/kaibabnf
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