



Warm Fire Update

Date: June 27, 2006, 8 p.m.

Warm Fire Contact Phone Numbers: 928-643-6804, 928-640-6103, 928-640-6104, 1-800-958-5171

Websites: www.nazteam.com, www.inciweb.org, www.fs.fed.us/r3/kai

Information Center Hours: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Fire Name: Warm Fire

Time/Date Started: June 8, 2006, 3 p.m.

Location: North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest; The Warm Fire is about 2 miles south and east of Jacob Lake. It is about 14 miles north of the Grand Canyon National Park boundary.

Cause: Lightning; The Warm Fire was being managed as a wildland fire use fire. All wildland fire use fires must be started by a natural ignition source (lightning). As of Sunday, June 25, the fire is no longer being managed as a wildland fire use fire and is being actively suppressed.

Fuels: Ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, pinyon/juniper woodlands

Size: 58,470 acres

% Contained: 20%

Resources Committed: 5 Type 1 (hotshot) crews, 9 Type 2 hand crews, 6 helicopters (2 heavy, 3 medium, 1 light), 35 engines, 10 dozers, 15 water tenders. Total personnel = 655.

Estimated Cost to Date: \$3.7 million

Predicted Weather: Moisture will continue to be drawn across the fire area this week, but precipitation amounts will be light. Relative humidity levels are expected to continue increasing over the next couple of days. Temperatures should remain cooler, with light winds from the east.

Structures: No structures have been lost.

Closures: The North Kaibab Ranger District is closed to public access and will remain closed until further notice due to the Warm Fire and firefighting activity. All Forest Service roads, trails and lands on the district are closed. Arizona State Highway 67 remains closed from Jacob Lake, Ariz., to the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. The closure will be evaluated on a daily basis. U.S. Highway 89A from Kanab, Utah, to Bitter Springs, Ariz., remains open; however, fire or firefighting activity may necessitate future delays or closures.

Jacob Lake Inn, Jacob Lake Campground and Kaibab Camper Village at Jacob Lake remain open. For more information about the North Kaibab Ranger District closure, contact the district office at (928) 643-7395 or visit the Kaibab National Forest web site at www.fs.fed.us/r3/kai.

The National Park Service closed the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, and it will remain closed until further notice. For information on the status of North Rim permits, please call the Backcountry Information Center at (928) 638-7875. Visitors with hotel reservations at the Grand Canyon Lodge on the North Rim can contact Xanterra at 1-(888) 297-2757 regarding the status of North Rim hotel reservations.

Summary: Today, isolated rain showers, cloud cover, and cooler temperatures all helped to slow the spread of the fire. Crews successfully conducted burnout operations eastward from Forest Service (FS) road 462 and constructed dozer line along the southeast flank of the fire to tie back in with FS 462. Two Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems (MAFFS) were also used today and effectively limited spread

of the fire on the southeast side; MAFFS are military C-130 airborne fire fighting units that eject foam retardant.

Structure protection is being provided at Jacob Lake. Structure protection assessments are also being completed for Big Springs, Kaibab Lodge, North Rim Country Store, Mangum Camp, Pleasant Valley Cabin, Big Springs Lookout Cabin, and Dry Park Lookout Cabin.

All visitors at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park were escorted out of the area this morning by pilot car on Highway 67 to Jacob Lake. The escorted egress was completed by early afternoon with help from the National Park Service, Coconino County Sheriff's Office, Department of Public Safety, and Arizona Department of Transportation. Remaining employees and residents will be escorted out of the park tomorrow morning beginning as early as 7 a.m. as conditions allow.

Tonight, firefighters will continue securing the fire perimeter and looking for hotspots.