



Warm Fire Update

Date: June 28, 2006, 7 a.m.

Warm Fire Contact Phone Numbers: 928-643-6804, 928-640-6103, 928-640-6104, 1-800-958-5171
Information Center Hours: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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

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 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: Partly cloudy with a 70% chance of thunderstorms by late morning. Temperatures will be in the high 70s, humidity 27%, and winds light but variable. Gusty and erratic winds near thunderstorms are expected.

Structures: No structures have been lost. Structure protection is being provided at Jacob Lake and structure protection assessments are 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.

Closures: The North Kaibab Ranger District is closed to public access until further notice; all Forest Service roads, trails and lands on the district are closed. Contact the North Kaibab Ranger District office at (928) 643-7395 or visit www.fs.fed.us/r3/kai for more information about this closure.

Arizona State Highway 67 remains closed from Jacob Lake, Ariz., to the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park until further notice. 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.

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

Summary: Last night, crews worked to secure line around the west and southwest flanks of the fire. Today, increased humidity and cooler temperatures should aid firefighters in securing the east and southeast flanks of the fire. Remaining employees and residents at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park will be escorted by pilot car out of the park this morning as conditions allow.