



Warm Fire Update

Thursday June 29, 2006, 7 p.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

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: 58,630 acres

% Contained: 45%

Resources Committed: 6 Type 1 (hotshot) crews, 14 Type 2 hand crews, 6 helicopters (2 heavy, 3 medium, 1 light), 45 engines, 10 dozers, 19 water tenders. Total personnel = 837.

Estimated Cost to Date: \$4.9 million

Predicted Weather: Thunderstorms are expected across northern Arizona through this weekend. Afternoon temperatures will warm several degrees, with relative humidity levels expected to drop somewhat.

Structures: No structures are threatened. No structures have been lost.

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. is open. The North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park is closed until further notice.

Summary: Today, considerable progress was made in containing the southeast and east flanks of the fire. Tonight and tomorrow, firefighters will continue working to contain the southeast and east flanks of the fire by constructing hand and dozer line and conducting burnout operations. On the western and southern flanks of the fire, firefighters will continue mopping up. During mop up operations, firefighters seek out and extinguish any remaining hot spots within the fire's perimeter. Firefighters are working hard to clear Highway 67 of hazard trees and other debris. Fire managers are evaluating the Highway 67 closure on a daily basis and will reopen the highway as soon as conditions are deemed safe.