



Warm Fire Update

Friday, June 30, 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 converted from Wildland Fire Use Fire to Wildland Fire on the evening of Sunday, June 25.

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

Size: 58,630 acres

% Contained: 50%

Resources Committed: 6 Type 1 (hotshot) crews, 14 Type 2 hand crews, 6 helicopters (2 heavy, 3 medium, 1 light), 38 engines, 10 dozers, 19 water tenders. Total personnel = 843.

Estimated Cost to Date: \$5.4 million

Predicted Weather: Temperatures tomorrow will be in the low 80s. Relative humidity levels are expected to be around 20 percent. Winds will generally be light and from the northwest. However, gusty and erratic winds near thunderstorms can be expected.

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.

Summary: Grand Canyon National Park's North Rim and Arizona State Highway 67 will reopen to the public at 8 a.m. Monday, July 3, unless conditions change due to the Warm Fire. The North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park has been closed since Monday, June 26.

Visitors can check the status of their hotel reservations on the North Rim by calling Xanterra reservations in Denver at (888) 297-2757. Those calling from outside of the United States must call (303) 297-2757. Questions regarding campground reservations for the North Rim Campground can be answered by calling Spherix at (800) 365-2267. Callers from outside of the United States must call (301) 722-1257. For questions on mule rides, please call Grand Canyon Trail Rides at (435) 679-8665.

The North Kaibab Ranger District remains closed. Visitors with backcountry permits that require access through the North Kaibab Ranger District and those with questions regarding their backcountry permit should contact the Grand Canyon Backcountry Information Center at (928) 638-7875 between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. MST.

The Warm Fire perimeter did not grow today. Unburned islands of fuel within the fire's perimeter continued burning but at a low level of intensity. Line has been built around the fire. However, the line will not be considered secure and containment complete until firefighters can use burnout operations to remove islands of fuel that could flare up in the future.