



Warm Fire Update

Saturday, July 1, 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

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, 3 helicopters (1 heavy, 1 medium, 1 light), 38 engines, 10 dozers, 19 water tenders. Total personnel = 843.

Estimated Cost to Date: \$5.4 million

Predicted Weather: Temperatures will be in the low 80s; relative humidity around 20 percent. There is a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. 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. Employees of the North Rim are returning to the park in order to prepare for the July 3 opening.

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.

Much of the fire area received rain late yesterday afternoon and overnight. No fire movement is expected today. Last night, construction of fire line on the southeast side was completed. Today, crews will be reinforcing containment lines around the fire perimeter, mopping up, and also burning out unburned islands of fuel on the southeast side.