



Warm Fire Update

Monday, July 3, 2006, 6 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 9 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: 70%

Estimated Containment: Evening of July 4

Resources Committed: 4 Type 1 (hotshot) crews, 10 Type 2 hand crews, 3 helicopters (1 heavy, 1 medium, 1 light), 26 engines, 8 dozers, 12 water tenders. Total personnel = 618.

Estimated Cost to Date: \$6.4 million

Predicted Weather: Temperatures will be in the upper 70s today; relative humidity levels will be around 23 percent. There is a chance of thunderstorms. Winds will generally be light and from the west.

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. today. 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 fire perimeter did not grow yesterday and is not expected to grow today. Containment lines have been completed around the fire but will only be considered secure when mop-up and burn-out operations are completed. Firefighters will continue clearing hazard trees from roads within the fire's perimeter. They will also continue rehabilitating fire lines that were created during suppression activities. Rehabilitating areas disturbed during fire suppression helps to return the landscape to a more natural appearance.

A Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) Team has arrived at the fire. Over the next week, the team will assess the need for more extensive rehabilitation work in the fire area. BAER teams evaluate the effects of a fire and provide recommendations to stabilize and prevent unacceptable resource degradation and minimize threats to health, safety and property. Based on the team's assessment, an Emergency Rehabilitation Plan will be developed that will outline measures designed to mitigate, or minimize, the impacts of the burn.