



Warm Fire Update

Tuesday, July 4, 2006, 5 p.m.

Note: **This will be the last update from the Northern Arizona Type 2 Incident Management Team.** The Northern Arizona team will transfer command of the Warm Fire to a Type 3 incident management organization (Incident Commander Don Howard) at 6 a.m. tomorrow (July 5).

Contact Phone Numbers: 928-643-8172 or 435-559-3744 (Prior information center phone numbers will no longer be operational.)

Website: 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 northernmost extent of the fire perimeter is about 2 miles south and east of Jacob Lake; the southernmost extent 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

Containment: 100%

Resources Committed: 2 Type 1 (hotshot) crews, 6 Type 2 hand crews, 1 helicopter, 12 engines, 6 dozers, 4 water tenders. Total personnel = 419.

Estimated Cost to Date: \$7.1 million

Predicted Weather: Temperatures will be in the mid 60s tomorrow; relative humidity levels will be around 40 percent. There is a good chance of thunderstorms. Winds will generally be light and from the southwest.

Closures: Increased precipitation and higher humidity levels are allowing forest and fire managers to lift the closure of the North Kaibab Ranger District on Thursday, July 6, at 8 a.m. However, the Warm Fire area will remain closed to public access. 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: The Warm Fire was declared 100 percent contained today. That means that fire line has been created all the way around the fire's perimeter and that fire managers believe those lines are secure. However, smoke from the interior of the fire's perimeter will likely be visible for some time. Even when a fire is considered contained, there may be unburned islands of fuel on the interior of the fire that may continue burning for some time. Fire suppression personnel will continue to be assigned to the Warm Fire to complete mop up operations and rehabilitation over the next few weeks.