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Sitgreaves Complex Growth Slows, Heat Remains

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – The Sitgreaves Complex is continuing to cycle through a natural ‘rev and idle’ growth pattern as conditions shift from dry to wet and back again. While recent rains have slowed new fire growth, heat remains throughout the fire interior due to the large amount of hazardous fuel and forest litter that has accumulated in the past 98 years across much of the area. Additionally, large fuels like a fallen tree, can hold heat and embers for many weeks. “While the fire may look ‘out’ during times of high moisture, those hot embers become active fire again once drier conditions return” said Fire Management Officer, James Pettit.

Currently, the Bald Mountain area to the southwest of Sitgreaves Mountain is the most active area within the fire perimeter with smoldering and creeping fire behavior. Today crews are working along the fire perimeter and interior roads to fell hazardous trees and conduct other mop-up work.

While there are no ignitions planned for today, the amount of visible smoke will continue to vary over the course of this long duration fire. “We continue to appreciate the long-term patience and commitment of our greater community to a healthier forest and more defensible homes” adds Pettit. “Smoke management remains a top priority each and every day”. Smoke impacts are anticipated to be much less for the next several days. For more information on smoke and air quality please visit www.azdeq.gov or wildlandfire.az.gov.

Date/Time Reported: Sunday July 13th, 2014

Location: 5 miles north, northwest of Parks, Ariz.

Cause: Lightning

Size: 10,876 acres

Landscape/Fuels: Ponderosa Pine

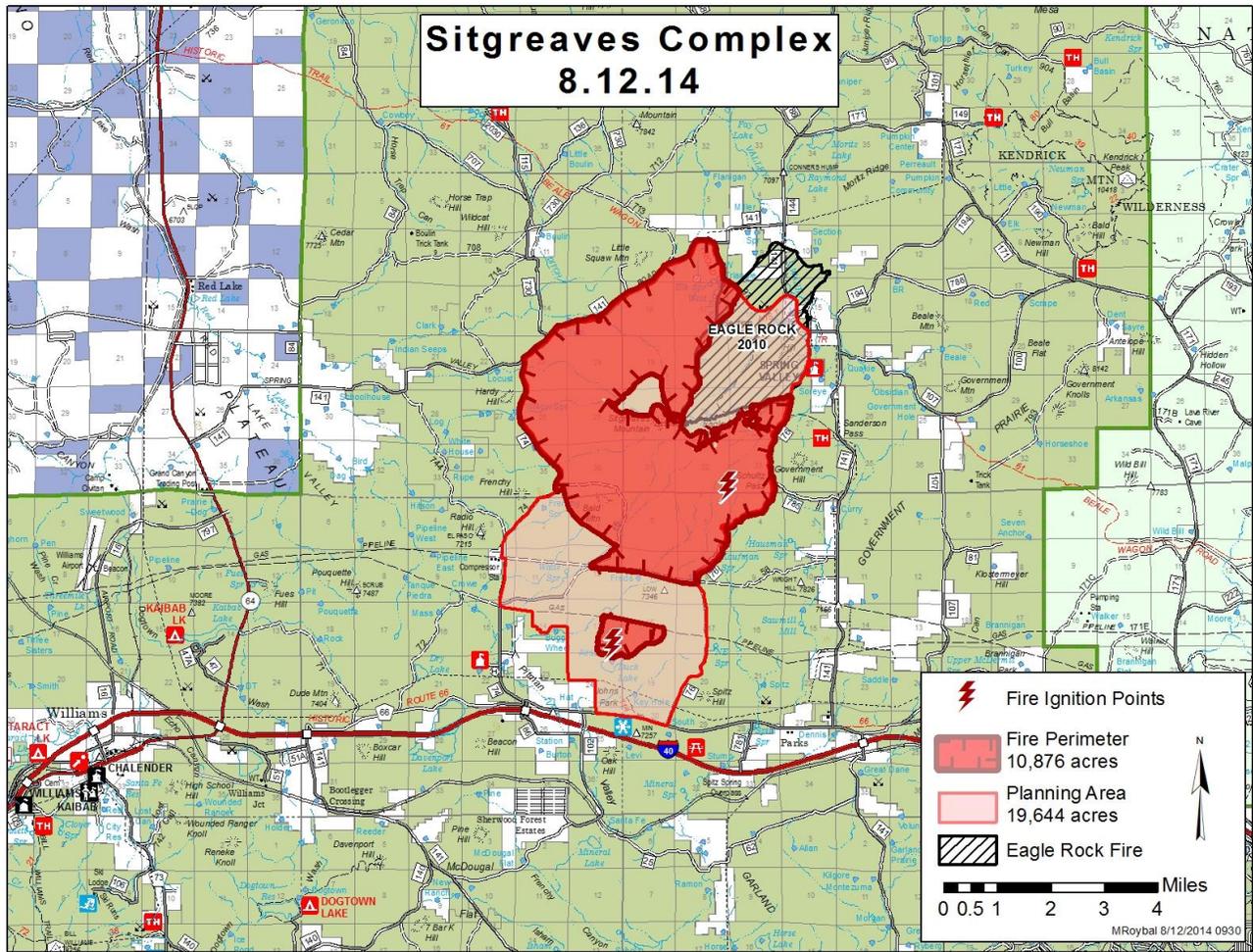
Fire Behavior: Majority Low to Moderate Intensity

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Sitgreaves Complex grows to 10,876 acres as of August 12, 2014 near Parks, Ariz.