



# News Release

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## Locust Fire update: June 26, 2015

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**Fredonia, Ariz., June 26, 2015** – Today fire managers conducted aerial managed ignitions along the interior ridgelines of the Locust Fire management planning area. Managed ignitions were placed strategically along the ridgelines to allow fire to back down slope at lower intensities. Low to moderate fire intensity is an essential part of removing hazardous fuels, opening dense tree stands, improving wildlife habitat, and protecting cultural resources.

**Fire Name/Date Started:** Locust Fire; discovered by fire personnel on June 15 at approximately noon during an aerial reconnaissance flight.

**Location:** North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest: located in the southwestern portion of the district near Locust Point near the Rainbow Rim Trail.

**Cause:** Lightning

**Size:** 2,100 acres

**Fire Behavior:** Low to Moderate Intensity

**Fuels:** Ponderosa pine, aspen and pine litter

**Smoke:** Smoke may be visible from Arizona Highway 67 and Highway 89A, Rainbow Rim, and some interior Forest Service roads

**Resources Committed:** 110 personnel

**Closures:** No road/trail closures are in effect. Forest Service roads remain open; however, hazard signs are posted, and motorists should exercise caution when visiting the area.

**Get fire activity updates and maps 24 hours-a-day:**

Fire Information Line: 928-635-8311

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Low-to-moderate intensity fire moving through the Locust Fire planning area boundary. Credit the USFS, Southwestern Region, Kaibab National Forest. Photo by Brandon Oberhardt.



Locust Fire management area after low-intensity burn removed pine litter, down woody debris and grass. Credit the USFS, Southwestern Region, Kaibab National Forest. Photo by Brandon Oberhardt.