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Springs Fire smoke impact to lighten along Interstate 40

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SPRINGS FIRE OVERVIEW

Yesterday: Fire personnel were successful in directing fire spread in the northeastern portion of the Springs Fire back into the old Mud and Cross Fire burn scars, west of Forest Road 147, on the south side of Summit Mountain. Fire managers also observed fire behavior to the south, along Forest Road 57, where containment lines are in place, protecting private lands.

Today: Fire personnel will conduct patrols along County Road 73/Perkinsville Road, or the “South Road,” in order to monitor and hold the fire to the west side of the road, as well as continuing to protect private lands and archeological sites. Today’s preparations also include reinforcing Forest Road 57A and Rocky Ridge Road, which are designated perimeter roads.

Smoke: Smoke impacts will likely begin to lighten along the Interstate 40 corridor today, due to monsoon weather conditions and fire movement into areas that have experienced fire in recent years, thus limiting intensity, effects and general smoke output. Smoke impacts in both Wild Horse and Sycamore Canyons will continue as the fire continues to move to the south towards Pine Flat.

Closures: The Summit Mountain Trail (#68) continues to be closed until Sept. 30, or until Closure Order 07-15-01-F is rescinded. The trail was closed on July 30 due to the direct impact of the Springs Fire.

Size: 5,383 acres

Start Date: July 2, 2015

Location: 9 miles southeast of Williams, near the intersection of County Road 73/Perkinsville Road, or the “South Road,” and Forest Road 354, near Davenport Knoll and Summit Mountain.

Additional Springs Fire information, photos and maps are available through the following resources:
InciWeb <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4391/#>; Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Phone Line (928) 635-8311; Text Message – text ‘follow kaibabnf’ to 40404.

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